About this Release
This release shows the 2013/14 target shares for territorial NHS Boards as calculated by the Resource Allocation Formula. The results are used to inform the actual share allocations for NHS Boards as set by the Scottish Government.

Key Points
- The Resource Allocation Formula covers the following health care programmes: Acute Hospital Care, Mental Health & Learning Difficulties (Hospital), Care of the Elderly (Hospital), Maternity (Hospital), Community Care and GP Prescribing.
- The formula aims to predict health care need for every territorial NHS Board based on statistical characteristics of the population.
- Final shares for 2013/14 may be different from the calculated target shares as the results are used to inform the final allocation, and not to determine them.

Background
The Resource Allocation Formula was introduced in 2009/10 and replaced the “Arbuthnott Formula” after a major review by the NHSScotland Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC). The formula is used in the allocation of around 70% of the total NHS budget between the 14 territorial NHS Boards in Scotland.

The Resource Allocation Formula calculates NHS Board target shares by adjusting the population of each Board for 3 factors which are known to influence healthcare utilisation: the age-sex profile of the population (age-sex cost weights); the additional needs of the population due to morbidity and life circumstances (MLC weights) and; the unavoidable excess cost of supplying services in different geographic areas (excess cost weights).

More information can be found on the Resource Allocation Area of the ISD website.
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