

Resource Allocation Formula for NHSScotland

Results for financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20



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About this release

The Information Services Division has released results for financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 from the [Resource Allocation Formula for NHSScotland](#). The Formula is used to inform the budget allocations to territorial NHS Boards in Scotland for the provision of hospital and community healthcare services and GP prescribing. These allocations are now being made by the Scottish Government for the above three financial years. The final shares for these years may be different from the calculated target shares, as the results are used to inform the final allocation, not to determine them.

Find out more

The 14 territorial NHS Boards in Scotland are responsible for providing healthcare services to the populations they serve. It is crucial that resources are distributed fairly across Scotland, taking account of the many factors that influence the need for healthcare in particular areas and the costs of supplying those services.

The formula uses the population of each NHS Board as the basis of its allocation. Adjustments are made for three factors that affect relative need for healthcare resources:

- the age/sex composition of the population;
- the additional needs due to morbidity and life circumstances and other factors;
- the unavoidable excess costs of delivering healthcare in remote areas.

More detailed information can be found on our [Resource Allocation Formula pages](#).

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