About this Release
The purpose of this Statistics Release is to present national figures on Care Homes for Adults in Scotland.

Initial results from the Care Home Census March 2010 were published in October 2010 and focussed primarily on aggregate information on the number of residents and places in care homes broken down by the different client groups, analysed at local authority level and providing data over time. This statistical release presents additional information from the Care Home Census on care home charges and a more in-depth analysis of the information collected on individual long stay residents.

Key Points
Information on long stay residents

As at 31st March 2010 there were 1,375 care homes for adults providing 43,887 places and housing 36,359 long stay residents, of which:

- 58 per cent required nursing care
- 44 per cent had medically diagnosed dementia, and a further 9 per cent had dementia which was not medically diagnosed
- 30 per cent had a physical disability or chronic illness
- 21 per cent had a visual impairment

The above figures include 943 care homes for older people providing 39,150 places and housing 32,685 long stay residents, of which:

- 48 per cent had medically diagnosed dementia, as at March 2010, compared to 43 per cent in March 2007 (A further 10 per cent had dementia not medically diagnosed in March 2010, a figure similar to previous years)
- Around a third of residents had been in the care home for more than three years
- The median length of stay was 2 years and has remained unchanged for the last four years
Average Weekly Charge

The average weekly charge for publicly funded long stay residents was £465 per week without nursing care and £540 per week with nursing care in line with the rates agreed in the National Care Homes contract (see glossary for further explanation). The average weekly charge for self-funding residents was £582 per week without nursing care and £657 per week with nursing care.

Background

The Scottish Care Home census is intended to cover all adult care home establishments that are registered with Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS). Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) is responsible for regulating a wide range of social services.

This census was first issued in March 2003 and replaced two previous surveys. It combined the former ‘Residential Care Home Census – R1’ (run by the Scottish Government) and the ‘Private Nursing Homes Census’ (run by ISD Scotland). In March 2006 some of the data collection, relating mainly to care home places, was taken over by the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS). Therefore, this publication excludes tables relating to places in single rooms, en-suite places and occupancy rates that have been published in statistics releases for previous censuses.

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