About this Release

This report presents initial findings from the Scottish Care Home Census held on the 31st March 2011. The report focuses primarily on information collected on the number of care home places registered with the Care Inspectorate and the number of residents in care homes. Homes are asked to provide information on the total number of residents in their care as at the date of the census, 31st March 2011. The care home census is undertaken annually and the data is submitted using a web based application.

The statistics contained in this release are presented by the sector providing care (i.e. Local Authority/NHS, Private, Voluntary) and by the local authority area in which the home is situated. Care homes for adults provide care for a range of individuals including older people, people with dementia, people with learning disabilities and people with sensory impairment. This report presents information on the main client group for the home rather than by the client group of the residents.

Key Points

All Adult Care Homes in Scotland
Since March 2000 the number of care homes in Scotland has steadily decreased each year from 1,669 in 2000 to 1,329 in 2011. The average size of care homes, on the other hand, has increased steadily over this period from 27 places in 2000 to 32 places in 2011.

In this publication homes are classified according to the main client group they cater for. Of the 42,810 registered places available in Scotland 90 per cent (38,341 places) were for older people, 6 per cent for adults with learning disabilities (2,431 places), 3 per cent for adults with mental health problems (1,123 places), 1 per cent for adults with physical disabilities (630 places) and 1 per cent for other groups (285 places).

Care Homes for Older People
The majority of care homes for older people, 635 (69 per cent), were run by the private sector with the remaining 121 (13 per cent) run by the voluntary sector and 164 (18 per cent) run by Local Authorities or Health Boards.
Background

The Scottish Care Home census is intended to cover all adult care home establishments that are registered with the Care Inspectorate. The Care Inspectorate 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 Care Inspectorate. 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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