

Publication Summary



Care Home Census 2011

Additional Findings on Adult Residents in Care Homes in Scotland

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About this Release

Initial results from the Care Home Census March 2011 were published in October 2011 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 more in-depth analysis of the information collected on individual long stay residents, and weekly charges.

Key Points

Care Homes for All Adults

As at 31st March 2011 there were 1,329 care homes for adults providing 42,810 places to 37,511 residents in Scotland.

- 33,365 (90 per cent) of residents were in care homes whose main client group was for older people.
- 36,002 (96 per cent) of residents were 'long stay' residents.
 - Between 2003 and 2011 the number of 'long stay' residents in care homes for older people decreased from 33,566 to 32,545, a decrease of 3 per cent.
 - In the same period the number of 'long stay' residents in care homes for adults with learning disabilities fell from 2,489 to 1,849 a decrease of 26 per cent.
- Between April 2010 and March 2011 the majority of admissions to care homes for learning disabilities were for respite care (98 per cent).
- In the most recent census period 41 per cent (13,578) of admissions to care homes for older people were classed as long stay.

Care Homes for Older People

As at the 31st of March 2011 there were 920 care homes for older people providing 38,341 places to 33,645 residents, of whom 32,545 were long stay (97 per cent). The number of short stay plus respite residents has increased from 736 in March 2003 to 1,100 in March 2011, an increase of 49 per cent.

One in two long stay residents in care homes for older people had a formal diagnosis of dementia. This is an increase of 21 per cent since the census was held in March 2003.

Over the same time period the percentage of residents who have been identified as having dementia but not formally diagnosed has decreased from 14 per cent to 9 per cent.

Around a third of residents had been in the care home for more than three years at the census. The median length of stay was around 2 years and has remained unchanged for the last eight years.

The average weekly charge for self-funding long stay residents without nursing care was £607 per week, an increase of 4.3 per cent since the last census period. The average weekly charge for self funding long stay residents with nursing care was £679, an increase of 3.3 per cent from the previous year.

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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