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Findings from Balance of Care / Continuing Care Census

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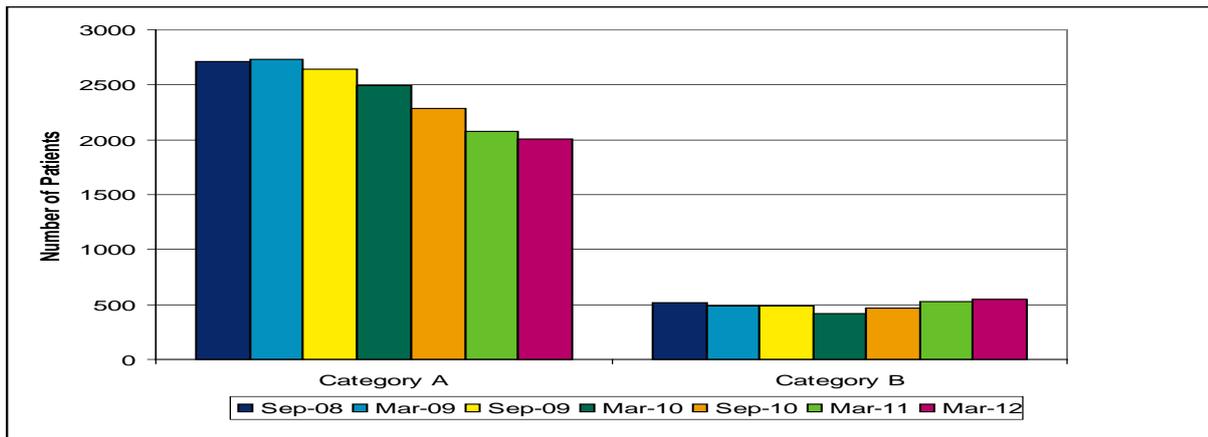
About this Release

This report presents findings from the Balance of Care/Continuing Care census held on 31st March 2012. Previous censuses were held in September 2008, March and September 2009, March and September 2010, and March 2011.

Key Points

- The number of NHS Continuing Health Care patients (Category A) has shown a small decrease over the past year. In March 2012, 2,006 patients were reported as Category A; this compares to 2,072 in March 2011 (a decrease of 3%) and 2,495 in March 2010 (an overall decrease of 20%). (Figure 1, Table 1)
- The 2,006 patients reported as receiving NHS Continuing Health Care in March 2012, corresponds to a European age/sex standardised rate of 25 patients per 100 000 Scottish population. There is a significant variation in the rate for each NHS Board. NHS Western Isles, NHS Lothian and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have the highest rates of Category A patients per 100 000 population, at 49, 38 and 37 respectively, compared with 1 patient per 100 000 population in NHS Dumfries & Galloway. (Table 5)
- For those patients who do not meet the criteria for NHS Continuing Health Care but who have been in hospital for over one year and for whom no estimated date of discharge has been set (Category B), 548 patients were reported in March 2012, a rise of 25 patients (5%) from March 2011. (Figure 1, Table 1)

Figure 1 Patients reported to the Balance of Care / Continuing Care Census, September 2008 to March 2012



Background

The patients who were included in the census were:

Category A: Patients who are receiving NHS Continuing Health Care as a result of a decision made under the terms of the NHS Continuing Health Care guidance. Note that although NHS Continuing Health Care may be provided in a hospital ward it may also be provided on a contractual basis in a hospice or care home.

Category B: Patients who do not specifically meet the criteria for NHS Continuing Health Care but who have been in hospital for over one year and for whom no estimated date of discharge has been set.

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