

# Publication Summary



## Findings from Balance of Care / Continuing Care Census

Census held 31 March 2013

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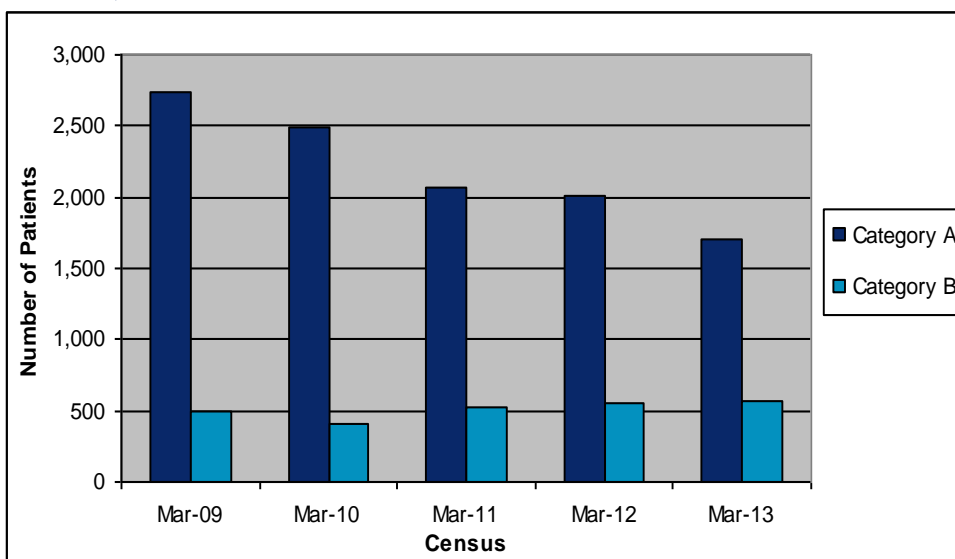
### About this Release

This report presents findings from the annual Balance of Care/NHS Continuing Health Care census held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

### Key Points

- At March 2013, 1,711 patients were reported as receiving NHS Continuing Health Care (Category A, please see background for definition). The figures have shown a decrease of 15% (295 patients) from the March 2012 census.
- At March 2013, there were 562 patients who did 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); this is a rise of 3% (14 patients) from last year.

**Figure 1 Patients reported in Scotland to the Balance of Care / Continuing Care Census, March 2009 to March 2013**



- The 1,711 patients reported as receiving NHS Continuing Health Care at March 2013, corresponds to a rate of 21 patients per 100,000 Scottish population. There is a significant variation in the rate for each NHS Board. NHS Western Isles, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lothian have the highest rates of Category A patients per 100,000 population, at 38, 35 and 30 respectively, compared with 1 patient per 100,000 population in NHS Dumfries & Galloway.

## 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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