

Publication Summary



Care Home Census 2014

Statistics on Adult Residents In Care Homes in Scotland

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About this Release

This publication presents findings from the March 2014 Scottish Care Home Census. Summary information is presented 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 also presents more detailed information on long stay residents, e.g. length of stay, gender, age group, resident characteristics and average weekly charges.

Key Points

Care Homes for All Adults

- As at 31 March 2014 there were 1,249 care homes for adults in Scotland providing 42,502 places to 36,751 residents.
- The majority of care homes for adults, 711 (57 per cent), were run by the private sector, 353 (28 per cent) were run by the voluntary sector and 185 (15 per cent) were run by local authorities or NHS Boards.

Care Homes for Older People

- As at 31 March 2014 there were 902 care homes for older people (those aged 65 or older) providing 38,441 places to 33,187 residents, of whom 31,943 were long stay residents (96 per cent).
- The total numbers of short stay and respite care residents increased from 789 in March 2005 to 1,244 in March 2014, an increase of 58 per cent.
- 53% of long stay residents in care homes for older people had a formal diagnosis of dementia. This is an increase of 79 per cent since the March 2005 census. 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 8 per cent.
- At 31 March 2014 around a third of residents had been in the care home for more than three years. The median length of stay is around two years and has remained unchanged for the last ten years.
- The average weekly charge for self-funding long stay residents without nursing care was £683 per week, an increase of 4 per cent since the last census period. The average

weekly charge for self funding long stay residents with nursing care was £754, which is also an increase of 4 per cent from the previous year.

Care Homes for Other Main Client Groups

- The number of long stay residents in care homes for adults with learning disabilities fell from 2,333 in March 2005 to 1,539 in March 2014, a decrease of 34 per cent.
- The majority of registered places for adults with physical disabilities, 440 (68 per cent), were provided by the voluntary sector.

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.

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