

Publication Summary



Findings from annual Balance of Care / Continuing Health Care Census

Census held 31 March 2015

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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 March 2015. It is important to note that these data represent a snapshot of the position at a certain point in time. The figures do not present the total number of individuals who were in receipt of NHS Continuing Health Care over the whole year.

NHS Continuing Health Care is a package of health care provided and solely funded by the NHS. Information presented in this report covers all patients whom clinicians have assessed to meet the criteria contained in the guidance in CEL 6 (2008).

It should be noted that new guidance, effective from 1 June 2015, has since been issued and therefore this will be the final publication of this information in the current format.

Key Points

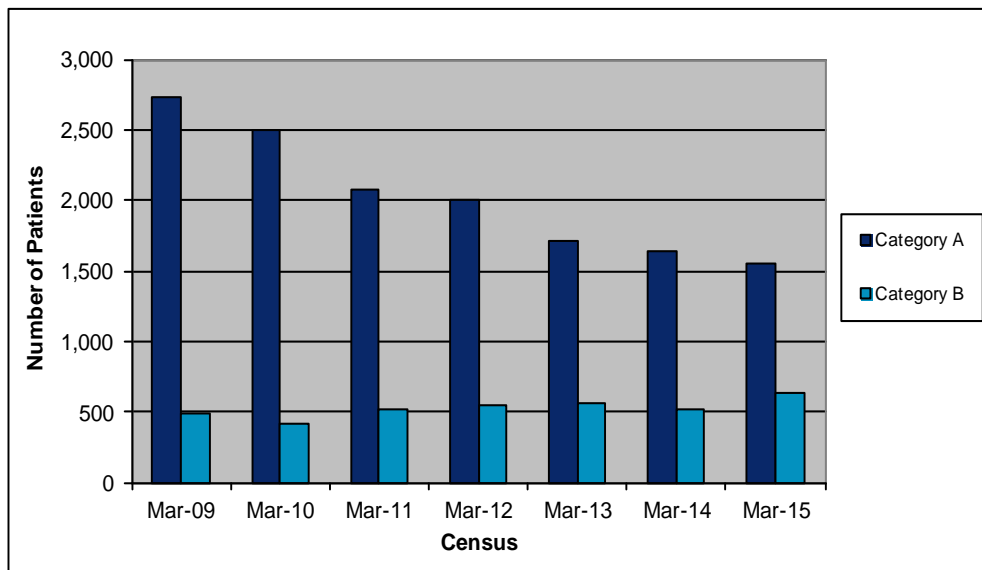
Patients who are receiving NHS Continuing Health Care as a result of a decision made under the terms of the 2008 NHS Continuing Health Care guidance are recorded as Category A patients.

- At March 2015, 1,545 Category A patients were reported as receiving NHS Continuing Health Care. The figures have shown a decrease of 5% (89 patients) from the March 2014 census.
- At March 2015, 80% of Category A patients were aged 65 years and over.

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 are recorded as Category B patients.

- At March 2015, there were 630 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 an increase of 21% (109 patients) from last year.
- 21% of Category B patients were aged 65 years and over

Figure 1 Patients reported in Scotland to the Balance of Care / Continuing Care Census, March 2009 to March 2015



Background

Any individual of any age, with any illness or disability, may be entitled to NHS Continuing Health Care under guidance issued to NHS Boards contained in CEL 6 (2008) which can be found at http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/mels/CEL2008_06.pdf. The new guidance, effective from 1 June 2015, is detailed in DL (2015)11 - Hospital Based Complex Clinical Care ([http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL\(2015\)11.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/dl/DL(2015)11.pdf)),

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