

Publication Summary



Care Home Census

Scottish Statistics on Adults Resident in Care Homes

2006 - 2015

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About this Release

This publication from the Information Services Division presents data from the Scottish Care Home Census which takes place on 31 March each year. Data are presented at Scotland level and at local authority level for 2006 – 2015.

Key Points

All Care Homes for Adults (aged 16+).

- At the 2015 census there were 1,216 care homes for adults, providing 42,026 places to 36,193 residents. The majority of these were long-stay residents (95%).
- There are fewer adult care homes in Scotland than there were nine years ago but care homes are now larger with more beds. From 2006 to 2015, the total number of adult care homes decreased by 17%, however the total number of registered places decreased by only 3% in the same period.
- From 2006 to 2015, the number of short-stay/respite residents increased by 46% (1,168 to 1,711).

Care Homes for Older People (majority of residents are aged 65+).

- On 31 March 2015 there were 892 care homes for older people, providing 38,164 places to 32,771 residents, of whom 31,547 (96%) were long-stay residents.
- From 2006 to 2015, the percentage of long-stay residents with dementia (medically diagnosed by a doctor) in care homes for older people increased from 33% (10,832) to 54% (16,923).
- The average weekly charge for self-funding long-stay residents without nursing care was £708 per week, and with nursing care was £775.

Care Homes for Adults with Physical, Mental or Learning Disability (aged 16+).

- From 2006 to 2015, the number of care homes for adults with mental health problems decreased by 33% (95 to 64), and the number of registered places decreased by 15% (1,248 to 1,057).
- From 2006 to 2015, the number of care homes for adults with learning difficulties decreased by 38% (323 to 200), and the number of registered places decreased by 35% (2,878 to 1,878).
- From 2006 to 2015, the number of care homes for 'other groups' of vulnerable adults decreased by 55% (49 to 22) and the number of registered places decreased by 41% (591 to 349).

Background

The Scottish Care Home Census is collected on an annual basis and 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 and was established under the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001.

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Further Information

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