Care Home Census for Adults in Scotland

Figures for 2007 to 2017 (as at 31 March)

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About this release

This release by Information Services Division (ISD) provides data from the Scottish Care Home Census for adults, which takes place on 31 March each year. Data are presented at Scotland level and at local authority level. Most data are at a snapshot (31 March) 2007-2017, but data on admissions, discharges and deaths are during the whole financial year, 2006/07 to 2016/17.

Main Points

All Adult care homes:

- There were 1,142 adult care homes on 31 March 2017, a decrease of 21% compared to 31 March 2007 (1,451).
- There were 40,926 registered care home places available on 31 March 2017, which is 4% fewer than were available in 2007 (42,653).
- On 31 March 2017, there were 35,989 adults in care homes, this is 5% lower than in 2007 (37,702).
- On 31 March 2017, 91% (32,691 out of 35,989) of all care home residents (i.e. long stay, short stay and respite residents) were in Older people care homes.

Older people care homes:

- At 31 March 2017, there were 31,223 long stay residents in care homes for older people, a decrease of 4% compared to 31 March 2007 (32,482). In the same time period, the number of short stay/respite residents in care homes for older people increased by 96% (1,468 compared to 750).
- The percentage of long stay residents living with dementia (either medically or non-medically diagnosed) in a care home for older people increased from 54% at 31 March 2007 to 62% at 31 March 2017.
Background

The Scottish Care Home Census data are collected on an annual basis from adult care homes registered with the Care Inspectorate. The Care Inspectorate was established under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and is responsible for regulating a wide range of social services.

Care Homes for All Adults: The Scottish Care Home Census includes care homes for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities, care homes for adults aged 18+ with mental health problems, care homes for adults aged 18+ with physical disabilities, care homes for other vulnerable adults aged 18+ with acquired brain injuries, alcohol/drug problems, or HIV/AIDS, and care homes for older people aged 65+.

All adult care homes are run by one of the following three sectors: Local authority/NHS, Private sector and Voluntary sector.

Care home residents are either Long Stay, Short Stay, or Respite.

Long Stay Residents: Residents whose intention when admitted to an adult care home was to stay for more than six weeks, regardless of how long they actually stay.

Respite residents: Residents who stay in an adult care home to provide respite or holiday relief to them and/or their carer. A period of respite is normally one night or one weekend or a few weeks at most.

Short Stay residents: Residents whose intention when admitted to an adult care home was to stay for fewer than six weeks, and the reason for the short stay is not respite relief. If a resident stays longer than 6 weeks they are counted as a long stay resident instead.

Coverage and Estimation

Eighty six percent (987) of care homes open on 31 March 2017 submitted census data. Fourteen percent (155) of care homes open did not submit census data. Census data not submitted by care homes are estimated by ISD Scotland.

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Further Information

Find out more in the full report. The data from this publication are available to download from our web page.

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