

Dementia Post Diagnostic Support: NHS

Board Performance 2014/15

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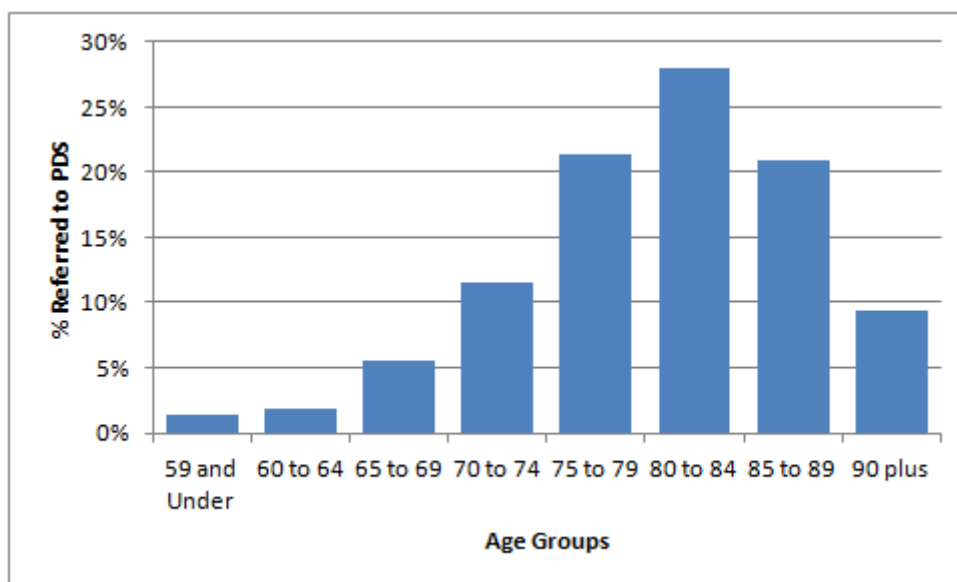
About this release

This release from the Information Services Division provides the first published performance statistics for NHS Boards in delivering 12 months post-diagnostic support (PDS) for those newly diagnosed with dementia.

Main points

- An estimated 2 out of 5 new cases of dementia in Scotland in financial year 2014/15 were referred for PDS.
- 73% of patients diagnosed with dementia in 2014/15 who were referred for post-diagnostic support completed treatment successfully.

Age distribution of those referred to the PDS service



- Age groups achieved between 70% to 78% against the LDP Standard
- The differences in distribution of referrals by areas of deprivation ranged from 17% in the most deprived areas to 23% in lesser deprived areas.
- Performance against LDP Standard within areas of deprivation ranged from 70% for those in lesser deprived areas to 76% for those in more deprived areas.

Background

In 2010's 'Scotland's National Dementia Strategy', the Scottish Government made a commitment to improving post-diagnostic support (PDS) for those receiving a diagnosis of dementia. The Scottish Government endorsed a 12 month PDS model that used [The Five Pillars](#) methodology developed by Alzheimer Scotland, and concluded with a person-centred support plan.

In order to effectively monitor performance of PDS delivery, a national LDP Standard (formerly known as a HEAT Target) was introduced in April 2013. It guaranteed to deliver expected rates of dementia diagnosis and by 2015/16, all people newly diagnosed with dementia will have a minimum of a year's worth of post-diagnostic support coordinated by a link worker, including the building of a person-centred support plan.

As services are still new and developing, there is no set threshold to achieve in this LDP Standard. As this is the first time performance analysis has been conducted against this LDP Standard, analysis is still developmental and therefore this is a non-official statistics publication.

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Further information of the development of the Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support LDP Standard can be found on the relevant [ISD webpage](#).

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