Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support
NHS Board Performance 2015/16
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About this release
This publication reports on NHS Board performance against the Scottish Government’s standard as reported in the Local Delivery Plan (LDP) entitling those newly diagnosed with dementia to a minimum of twelve months post-diagnostic support. Figures reported in this release are for 2015/16. This publication was revised on 16 February 2018 due to a typing error. Affected figures have been highlighted in red in the relevant data tables.

Main Points
- 7,198 people were referred for dementia post-diagnostic support in 2015/16. This equates to 42% of people estimated to be newly diagnosed with dementia within that year.

- In 2015/16, nine of the fourteen NHS Boards had the same or a higher percentage of people newly diagnosed with dementia referred for post-diagnostic support compared to 2014/15.

- Of those referred to dementia post-diagnostic support in 2015/16, 85% received one year's support as proposed in the LDP Standard.

- Those aged 80-84 years accounted for the largest percentage of people referred to dementia post-diagnostic support services (27%).

Background
In 2010’s ‘Scotland’s National Dementia Strategy’, the Scottish Government made a commitment to improving post-diagnostic support for those receiving a diagnosis of dementia. The Scottish Government endorsed a 12 month post diagnosis support model that used The Five Pillars methodology developed by Alzheimer Scotland, and concluded with a person-centred support plan. The Scottish Government published their third national dementia strategy in 2017 which continues to support the post-diagnostic support entitlement.

In order to effectively monitor performance of post diagnosis support delivery, a national Local Delivery Plan (LDP) Standard was introduced in April 2013. This LDP Standard entitled those newly diagnosed with dementia to a minimum of one year’s post-diagnostic support.

NHS Boards currently provide quarterly submissions containing post diagnosis support data from their local services to ISD. These data submissions contain information on the patient journey through post-diagnostic support including diagnosis information, link worker allocation, first substantive contact, progress through the five pillars and discharge details. This data forms the basis of the LDP Standard calculation.
Estimates of dementia are from the Scottish Government paper ‘Estimated and Projected Diagnosis Rates for Dementia in Scotland 2014-2020’.

This is the second publication to report on performance against the LDP Standard. The methodology of calculating performance against the LDP Standard has been revised slightly since the previous publication. Please see Appendix 1 of the report for more information.

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