Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support

NHS Board Performance 2016/17

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About this release

This release by Information Services Division (ISD) reports on NHS Board performance against the Scottish Government’s Local Delivery Plan (LDP) standard that all those newly diagnosed with dementia should have a minimum of twelve months post-diagnostic support. Performance against the LDP standard is reported in two parts. Firstly the percentage of people estimated to be newly diagnosed with dementia who were referred for post-diagnostic support and secondly the percentage of people referred who received a minimum of one year’s support.

Figures reported in this release are for 2016/17. They are published as management information because of variable data quality.

Main Points

- 8,178 people were referred for dementia post-diagnostic support in 2016/17. This equates to 46.7% of people estimated to be newly diagnosed with dementia within that year.

- Of those referred to dementia post-diagnostic support in 2016/17, 83.9% 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 (26.4%).

Age distribution of referrals to dementia post-diagnostic support; 2016/17

- In 2016/17, 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 2015/16.
Background

In 2010’s ‘Scotland’s National Dementia Strategy’, the Scottish Government made a commitment to improving post-diagnostic support for individuals 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 for all those newly diagnosed with dementia to receive a minimum of one year’s post-diagnostic support.

NHS Boards currently provide quarterly data submissions to ISD containing information on individuals referred for post-diagnostic support within their local services and this dataset forms the basis of the LDP standard calculation. In order to improve the quality and consistency of post-diagnostic support information a consultation with stakeholders was undertaken in 2017/18 and revised definitions and guidance were issued in November 2018 to be effective from 1 April 2019.

Estimates of dementia incidence are from the Scottish Government paper ‘Estimated and Projected Diagnosis Rates for Dementia in Scotland 2014-2020’.

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Further Information

Find out more detailed information in the full publication report. Data from this publication are available to download in Excel tables.

For more information on Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support see the Dementia Post-Diagnostic Support section of our website.

For information on the Dementia Benchmarking toolkit see the Quality Indicators web pages.

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