

Publication Summary



ScotPHO Alcohol and Drugs Profiles

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About this Release

Following the launch of the new Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) Online Profiling Tool in June 2013, these two profiles are the latest to be added to the growing local information resource.

Key Points

These profiles contain information at NHS Board and Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) level, pulled together from a wide range of data sources largely already in the public domain. This release contains a selection of drugs and alcohol indicators, grouped in line with the seven core outcome areas required for ADP reporting to the government.

- The seven core outcome areas are: Health; Prevalence; Recovery; Children affected by parental substance misuse/families; Community safety; Local environment; and Services.
- The Online Profiling Tool allows users to compare data on alcohol and drugs for a local area with both Scotland and other local areas. Any differences between areas should be interpreted in light of local knowledge.
- Long term time trends are presented to allow any annual changes to be put into context.

The tool and the accompanying Overview Report and Technical Report can be accessed at <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/profiles/online-profiles-tool>.

Background

The ScotPHO website contains comprehensive information on a wide range of topics grouped into sections including Behaviour, Health, Wellbeing and Disease, and Clinical risk factors. Along with summary data and statistics, the website provides background

information, interpretation, policy notes, commentary on data sources, references and links to further information.

The Alcohol and Drugs Profiles are released as part of a major revamp of the alcohol and drugs sections of the ScotPHO website. Together these resources aim to bring a wide range of information together to aid better public health decision making at both national and local levels. This first release focuses mainly on the indicators used by ADPs to track their progress in delivering core outcomes as defined in their local delivery plans.

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Further Information

Further information can be found on the [ScotPHO website](#).

About ISD

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About ScotPHO

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) collaboration is led by ISD Scotland and NHS Health Scotland, and includes the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, National Records of Scotland and Health Protection Scotland. Our aim is to make public health information more accessible and usable to improve health and reduce inequalities in Scotland.