

Publication Summary



ScotPHO website Alcohol section update

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About this Release

The alcohol section on the ScotPHO website has been updated to include:

- Content migrated from the Alcohol Statistics Scotland compendium publications and the Alcohol Information Scotland website
- Updated links to previously published data
- New data on alcohol-related primary care consultations

Key Points

The data section within the revamped Alcohol pages is now divided into four areas: availability, affordability and consumption; social harm; health harm and treatment. The information from primary care (based on Practice Team Information) on alcohol-related consultations has not been published previously and the key points are:

- In 2011/12, there were an estimated 109,790 alcohol-related primary care consultations by 58,040 patients, a slight fall from 112,640 consultations by 60,900 patients in 2010/11.
- Men and women who had consulted their GP for alcohol misuse in 2011/12 were more than three times more likely to consult a GP with depression compared with all those who consulted a GP.
- There were more than twice as many patients consulting for alcohol misuse in the most deprived quintile compared with the least deprived quintile.

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, commentaries on data sources, references and links to further information.

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Further Information

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