

## ScotPHO Alcohol and Drugs Profiles Update

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### About this Release

Following the launch of the new Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) Alcohol and Drugs Profiles (using ScotPHO's Online Profiling Tool) in September 2013, these two profiles are now updated with the latest available data.

### Key Points

The Alcohol and Drugs 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. Indicators are grouped in line with the seven core outcome areas required for ADP reporting to the government (Health; Prevalence; Recovery; Children affected by parental substance misuse/families (CAPSM); Community safety; Local environment; and Services).

- In the Alcohol Profiles 9 of the 25 existing indicators are updated, and in the Drugs Profiles 6 of the 18 existing indicators are updated. Updated indicators are part of the Health (e.g. hospital discharges, deaths), CAPSM (child protection) and Local Environment (e.g. alcohol sales licensing; perceptions of impact on environment) domains.
- Those indicators that were previously just available at ADP level are now also shown by NHS Board. This was possible because of the recent changes to NHS Board boundaries bringing them in line with the Local Authority boundaries.

The tool and the accompanying Change Log & Caveats, 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 were 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. Initially the Profiles focus 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](#).

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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.