About this Release

New data on the health and wellbeing of Scotland’s older people (aged 85+) has been published in an update to the ScotPHO Online Profiles Tool.

This is the third in a series of profiles relating to older people and provides information for both NHS boards and Local Authorities. The purpose of these reports is to provide service providers, planners and policy makers with the robust information they need to improve understanding of health and social care issues (relating to older people), to set these issues in a national context and to take action to improve the health and wellbeing of communities.

The individual reports are based on a set of 18 indicators, covering secondary care (eg hospitalisations and outpatient attendances), behaviour (eg alcohol use) and wider determinants of health (e.g. economy, social care and caring.)

These are the third in a series of profiles relating to older people with separate profiles for age groups 65+ and 75+. We also plan to add to the existing indicator list to include data from the census, as and when it becomes available.

Background

The ScotPHO online profiles tool forms a part of the ScotPHO website. 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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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. Metadata and pre-release access information for this publication is available here.

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