About this Release

The following topics on the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) website have been updated: Alcohol, Allergic conditions, Assets, Gender, Hepatitis C, Pregnancy, births and maternity and Vitamin D.

The updates include collations of previously available information, and present summary data and statistics derived from published sources.

Key Points

- Previously unpublished data has been included on allergic conditions. These contribute to a large number of different diseases and have both acute and chronic effects.

- There were around 8,500 hospital admissions due to allergic conditions in Scotland in 2014/15, of which around 6,400 were due to asthma.

- Over the last ten years, the overall numbers of hospital admissions due to allergy and due to asthma have fallen.

Background

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) collaboration is co-led by the Information Services Division and NHS Health Scotland, and includes the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, National Records of Scotland and Health Protection Scotland.

The ScotPHO website contains comprehensive information on a wide range of topics. Along with summary data and statistics, the website provides background information, interpretation, policy notes, and commentaries on data sources, references and links to further information.
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Further Information

Please visit the following topic areas within the ScotPHO website for more information:

- Alcohol
- Allergic conditions
- Assets
- Gender
- Hepatitis C
- Pregnancy, births and maternity
- Vitamin D