About this Release

The Scottish Public Health Observatory is today releasing a new product with a focus on deprivation and inequalities. These online profiles make information on a range of indicators available and are in line with the key areas of the ‘Single Outcome Agreement’ domains used by local authorities. This release includes new statistical measures.

This release allows people to better understand inequalities within NHS Boards and local authorities. An online application is available to help users identify areas of inequality using deprivation mapping.

Background

There are 36 indicators in the online deprivation profiles, categorised into domains that mirror ‘Single Outcome Areas’ such as ‘Safer and stronger communities and reducing offending’, ‘Economic recovery and growth’ and ‘Health inequalities and physical activity’ in addition to six population indicators.

The profiles are intended to increase understanding of inequalities in Scotland by showing information for within area deprivation at NHS Board and local authority in comparison to Scotland. This allows policy makers to identify areas in which to target health improvement efforts.

The ‘Companion Mapping Application’ that accompanies the data in the online profile tool details the within area quintiles for each version of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and gives guidance around interpretation of the indicators.

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.
Further Information

The tool and the accompanying companion mapping application and technical report can be accessed at http://www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/profiles/online-profiles-tool

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) website contains comprehensive information on a wide range of topics grouped into sections including Behaviour, Health, Wellbeing and Disease, Clinical risk factors and Comparative Health. Along with summary data and statistics, the website provides background information, interpretation, policy notes, commentary on data sources, references and links to further information.

ISD and Official Statistics

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