

ScotPHO website: Drug misuse section update

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About this release

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) provides information on various aspects of drug misuse in Scotland. This information has been updated and includes new analyses of data on HIV and treatment for drugs misuse:

<http://www.scotpho.org.uk/behaviour/drugs/introduction>

The data pages of the ScotPHO drug misuse section cover four areas: 'Availability and prevalence'; 'Social harm'; 'Health harm' and 'Treatment for drug misuse'. One topic in the 'Social harm' page includes new data analysis:

Main points

Social harm – Drug Related Offences by Council Area:

- In 2014/15, rates of recorded drug offences in Scotland ranged from 152.9 offences per 10,000 population in Glasgow City to 12.8 per 10,000 population in Na h-Eileanan Siar.
- In 2014/15, there were 6.9 recorded offences for possession of drugs with intent to supply per 10,000 population. This was similar to figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14 (7.3 and 6.7 respectively).
- In 2014/15, there were 59.2 recorded offences for possession of drugs per 10,000 population. This was a slight increase compared to 2012/13 and 2013/14 (54.9 and 57.2 respectively).

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 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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Find out more

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) provides information on various aspects of drug misuse in Scotland: [ScotPHO Drugs Misuse web pages](#)

Drug use data relevant to local areas is now also available in the [ScotPHO Drugs Profiles](#).

Other ISD publications on drug and alcohol misuse can be found at the [ISD website](#).

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