Scottish Public Health Observatory
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About this release
This release by Information Services Division provides the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) quarterly update on a number of topic areas. Of these topics, ‘Tobacco Use – Smoking attributable admissions’ and ‘Diabetes’ provide updated data.

Main Points

Tobacco Use: Admissions attributable to smoking in those aged 35 and over (Hospital admission based on primary cause)

- In 2017, there were an estimated 51,400 smoking-attributable hospital admissions in Scotland.
- Over the last ten years (2008-2017) there has been a 21% decrease in the estimated smoking-attributable admission rates to hospital.
- In 2017, smoking was the reason for an estimated 50% of admissions for cancers that can be caused by smoking; 44% of admissions for respiratory conditions that can be caused by smoking; and 17% of circulatory conditions that can be caused by smoking.

Diabetes

- Both hospital admissions and deaths where diabetes was a contributory or primary cause have increased over the last 10 years. In 2017/18 hospital admissions associated with diabetes decreased slightly but mortality continued increasing.
Sexual Health – Termination of pregnancy

- ScotPHO have created a new page within our sexual health topic area which summarises previously published information relating to termination of pregnancy.

Background

Over recent years ScotPHO, Office for National Statistics (ONS) and National Register for Scotland (NRS) have collaborated to improve calculation methodology and to reduce the number of similar, but subtly different, life expectancy (LE) and health state life expectancy (HLE) statistics published. In February 2019 NRS assumed the role of publishing healthy life expectancy estimates for Scotland and various sub-national regions on an annual basis. ScotPHO will no longer be producing HLE estimates but will continue to update our HLE website pages with context and commentary around LE and HLE statistics released by NRS and ONS.

The Scottish Public Health Observatory collaboration is 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 aim of the collaboration is to make public health information more accessible, to promote the reduction in inequalities and to inform health improvement in Scotland.

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Further Information

All the topic areas updated will be available on the ScotPHO website.

The next release of this publication will be June 2019.