

# Publication Summary



## **Adult Mental Health Benchmarking Toolkit;**

**Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

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### **About this Release**

Annual publication of the Mental Health Benchmarking Toolkit comprising data up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. The toolkit provides information on a range of indicators to compare key aspects of the Adult Mental Health Service in Scotland.

### **Key Points**

The indicators presented here have been chosen based on a wide range of stakeholder input to represent a balanced view of the Adult Mental Health Service in Scotland. It is recommended that individual indicators should not be approached in isolation but interpreted in the context of the overall balanced view of the service.

The key changes incorporated in this publication compared to the previous release of the toolkit are:

- Change to the methodology used to derive the 'spend per head' indicators to reflect changes to the Cost Book data collection process. Health Board of Residence costs are no longer collected so Health Board of Treatment costs are used in this publication as an approximation. The new methodology has been retrospectively applied to previous year's data to enable comparisons over time. Therefore, data in previous publications may differ from that presented in this publication.
- The average length of stay figures may be impacted by small numbers of cases with extremely long lengths of stay, discharged in the relevant year. For example, there are several cases discharged in 2010/11 with admission dates prior to 1960. Therefore year on year comparison should be interpreted with caution, although the length of stay 80% split is more robust to such outliers. In addition to this, the methodology employed for the average length of stay (80%) measure has been revised from previous years and consequently the length of stay figures may differ significantly from those reported in previous publications.

## Background

The main objective of the Adult Mental Health Benchmarking project is to provide a tool to aid in the improvement of the Mental Health Services in Scotland by using a range of comparative information to compare key aspects of performance, identify gaps, identify opportunities for improvement and monitor progress. The Mental Health Benchmarking Toolkit has been created to facilitate this aim.

The information contained in this publication is primarily adult focussed based on the General Psychiatry and Psychiatry of Old Age specialties, and excludes Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Learning Disabilities and Forensic Psychiatry services. However, for certain indicators data are not available at an adult only level and may pertain to the wider Mental Health service.

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## Further Information

Further information on the Adult Mental Health Benchmarking Toolkit can be found in the [Publication Report](#).

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