

# Publication Summary



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

**Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

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### **About this Release**

Annual publication of the Mental Health Benchmarking Toolkit comprising data up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. 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.

This latest release of the benchmarking toolkit for 2011/12 data includes the following key changes compared to the previous release:

- Information on Allied Health Professionals working in mental health has been included in the toolkit for the first time.
- The total expenditure for adult mental health services was £877m in 2011/12, an increase of 1.1% since 2010/11, and is equivalent to £167 for every person in Scotland.
- The average length of stay for adult mental health specialties in Scotland decreased from 80.5 days in 2010/11 to 65.2 days in 2011/12 (excluding NHS Ayrshire & Arran). The median length of stay remained at 16 days, unchanged for the last 4 years.
- There was a small increase in the number of people on compulsory treatment orders in Scotland from 2,066 in 2010/11 to 2,181 in 2011/12.
- In 2011/12 the number of mental health officers in Scotland equates to 635 whole time equivalents (WTE); a decrease of approximately 7.5% from 2010/11.
- The mortality rate for persons in contact with the mental health service in Scotland (excluding NHS Ayrshire & Arran) is 2.8 times higher than the mortality rate for the general population when standardised by age and sex.

## 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.

Ongoing efforts to improve the quality of SMR04 data may result in differences to previously published information. It should be noted that due to the implementation of a new patient management system, information on treatments delivered at NHS Ayrshire & Arran, as taken from SMR04 for the year to 31 March 2012, is not available and is excluded from this publication. As a result, Scotland level data for the latest year are not directly comparable to previous years.

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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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