

Publication Summary



Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Benchmarking Balanced Scorecard

Quarter ending 31st December 2013

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About this Release

Quarterly publication of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Benchmarking Balanced Scorecard comprising data up to 31st December 2013. The balanced scorecard provides information on a range of indicators to compare key aspects of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services in Scotland.

Key Points

The balanced scorecard comprises information across a range of performance areas in such a way that produces a balanced picture of performance enabling information about resources, efficiency and access to be considered alongside issues of effectiveness, patient experience and safety.

This release of the balanced scorecard includes data from four different areas; waiting times, workforce, NHS Board submissions and hospital activity.

- During the quarter ending 31 December 2013, around 90% of people were seen within 26 weeks
- Clinical CAMHS staff working in the community equated to 734.2 whole time equivalents (WTE) representing 70.7 WTE community clinical workers per 100,000 people under 18 in Scotland. [See NHS Scotland Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services: Workforce Information as at 31 December 2013, table 11.](#)
- Sickness absence of dedicated CAMHS clinicians in Scotland ranged from 0 - 5.5% for NHS boards across Scotland for the quarter ending 31 December 2013
- In Scotland, child & adolescent unit psychiatric hospital admissions in 2012/13 were 21.2 per 100,000 people under 18, an increase from 19.2 in 2011/12. CAMHS admissions to adult psychiatric wards in Scotland increased from 16.5 per 100,000 people under 18 in 2011/12 to 21.1 in 2012/13

Background

The main objective of the CAMHS Benchmarking Balanced Scorecard is to support efforts aimed at closing the gap between stakeholder aspirations and the outputs of specialist CAMH providers across Scotland. It will act as a lever, as a barometer of success and as a mechanism for ensuring enhanced quality, accountability and transparency.

The systems for collecting waiting times data locally are still being developed and as a result some people who attended a CAMH service are not included in this publication. However the information in this publication does give a good indication of waiting times in most areas of Scotland.

Ongoing efforts to improve data quality of SMR04 may result in future differences to previously published data. Due to the implementation of a new patient management system, data on treatments delivered at NHS Ayrshire & Arran, as taken from SMR04 for the year to 31 March 2012 and year to 31 March 2013, are not available and are replaced with data for the year to 31 March 2011 instead. Caution should be taken when comparing Scotland level data for the year to 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2013 with previous years.

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Further Information

Further information on the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Benchmarking Balanced Scorecard can be found in the [Publication Report](#).

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