Publication Summary

Stroke Statistics Update
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About this Release
This publication relates to the annual update of Cerebrovascular Disease (CVD) and Stroke statistics including information at NHS Board and Local Council level. Prescribing data to 31 March 2011 and mortality data to 31 December 2010 are included in this release.

Key Points
• Age-standardised mortality rates for CVD (for those under 75) fell from 17.2 per 100,000 population in 2009 to 15.3 per 100,000 population in 2010, a decrease of almost 11%. They have fallen by 59% over the period 1995-2010, meeting the Scottish Government target of a 50% reduction in premature stroke mortality over the period 1995-2010.

Cerebrovascular Disease; Ages Under 75;
European Age Standardised Mortality Rates per 100,000 Population

Data Source: National Records Scotland - Deaths and Population
• The overall costs of prescriptions dispensed for cardiovascular related drugs fell sharply in 2010/11 to £167 million, a reduction of 11.4% on the previous year. This is the lowest gross ingredient cost for cardiovascular drugs observed for any year over the last decade 2001/02 to 2010/11. The annual costs reached a peak of £232 million in 2003/04. Costs often reduce as medicines become available in generic form once drug patents expire.
• Over the decade 2001/02 - 2010/11 the numbers of prescriptions dispensed for cardiovascular related drugs continued to rise although there has been a slight reduction (0.2%) over the last year to 24,633,819 items prescribed and dispensed in the community in 2010/11.

Background
Data for ISD’s cerebrovascular disease and stroke mortality updates comes from National Records of Scotland. Data for cardiovascular prescribing comes from ISD’s Prescribing Information System.

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