

Drug Statistics

Information Services Division (ISD) is Scotland's national organisation for health information, statistics and IT services. One of the programs which is run by ISD Scotland is the Substance Misuse Programme (SMP) and is a focal point for drug and alcohol misuse information in Scotland.

The Drug Misuse Information Strategy Team is a resource which is devoted to supporting the development and delivery of the ISD SMP. SMP collects, collates, and publishes information from a range of data sources that contribute to the overall picture of drug misuse in Scotland. The Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland is an annual compendium presenting the latest available information from a range of national data sources relevant to drug misuse. Data sources include the Scottish Drug Misuse Database, hospital statistics, blood-borne viruses, drug-related deaths, drug seizures, offences and prison statistics.

A copy of the Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland (2010) is available at the following link:
<http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/publications/10dmss/10dmss.pdf>

Local Statistics: 2005 – 2010

In the last five years there has been a decrease in the number of drug related discharges from general acute hospitals in the Outer Hebrides, while there has been an increase in the number of drug related discharges from psychiatric hospitals. Within the Outer Hebrides the greatest incidence of drug related discharges between 2005/06 and 2009/10 occurred in the 20-29 years age group; followed by <20 years age group. The majority of these discharges were due to the use of cannabis and stimulants. However, the number of discharges relating to opioid use has been increasing in recent years. The number of new drug service users in the Outer Hebrides fell from 26 in 2008/09 to 11 in 2009/10 however the number of individuals reporting illicit drug use increased in 2009/10. The number of drug related offences reported in the Outer Hebrides since 2005/06 has fallen significantly. The majority (87%) of the drug offences that were recorded were for possession of drugs.

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