

# C1

## Drug education in schools, 2001/02

### Key Points

- In 2001/02 98 per cent of schools provided education on controlled drugs, an increase from 93 per cent in 2000/01. (Table C1.1)
- Ninety-one per cent of schools said they provided drug education in line with current national advice. (Table C1.2)
- In 2001/02, 76 per cent of schools had written procedures for managing incidents of drugs misuse in line with current national advice as compared to 64 per cent in 2001/2002. (Table C1.3)

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The *Drug Education in Schools, 2001/02* survey was published by the Scottish Executive Education Department in October 2002<sup>1</sup>.

In April 2002, local authorities in Scotland were asked to collect information on the drug education provided by all of the schools under their control. Each school was required to give details of whether they provided drug education, what type of drug education they provided and also their procedures for managing incidents of drugs misuse and tobacco smoking. Around the same time, all other schools in Scotland (i.e. independent, grant-aided and opted-out schools) were also asked to provide similar details of their drug education policies and procedures.

Responses were obtained from 99 per cent of local authority schools and 88 per cent of all other schools.

In 2001/02, 98 per cent of schools in Scotland provided drug education as compared to 97 per cent in 2000/2001. Virtually all secondary schools said they provided drug education while 99 per cent and 94 per cent of responding primary and special schools said they did so. A greater proportion of local authority schools than other schools provided drug education.

In 2001/02, 98 per cent of schools provided education on controlled drugs (compared with 93 per cent for 2000/2001) and this proportion was at least as high for safe use of medicine, alcohol, tobacco and solvents. Figures for all types of drug education in education authority schools show increases from 2000/2001.

91 per cent of schools said they provided drug education in line with current national advice.

In 2001/02, 76 per cent of schools had written procedures for managing incidents of drugs misuse in line with current national advice as compared to 64 per cent in 2001/2002. These proportions were 74 per cent, 87 per cent and 80 per cent in primary, secondary and special schools, respectively. Local authority schools were more likely than other schools to have such procedures.

<sup>1</sup> Copies of this paper can be found at [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

## C1.1 Schools providing drug education and the types of drug education involved : 2001/02

sector/type of school

sector/type of school	Schools which provide drug education percentage	Schools which provide drug education on :				
		Safe use of medicine	Alcohol	Tobacco	Solvents	Controlled drugs
<b>Local authority schools</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>
Primary	99	99	99	99	98	98
Secondary	100	97	100	100	99	100
Special	94	99	98	99	95	94
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>
Primary	93	90	94	94	88	88
Secondary	98	91	98	96	94	96
Special	73	79	100	92	96	96
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>
Primary	99	99	99	99	98	98
Secondary	100	96	100	100	99	99
Special	93	96	98	99	96	95
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup> - 2000/01 comparison</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>

1 Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

2 Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

Source : The Scottish Executive Education Department.

## C1.2 Schools which provide drug education in line with current national advice<sup>1</sup> ; type of school : 2001/02

sector

sector	Scotland percentage	Primary	Secondary	Special
All other schools <sup>2,3</sup>	<b>70</b>	69	77	65
All schools <sup>3</sup>	<b>91</b>	92	92	83

1 Current national advice on drug education is set out in the following:

a *How Good is our School?* (The Scottish Office, 1996) - performance indicator 1.2 (quality of course or programme).b *A Route to Health Promotion - self evaluation using performance indicators* (Scottish Executive, 1999).

c HELP UP-DATE on drug and nutrition education (SCCC Curriculum File No 9)

d 5-14 national guidelines on health education.

2 Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

3 Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

Source : The Scottish Executive Education Department.

## C1.3 Schools with written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse : 2001/02

sector/type of school

	Schools which have written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse:			Do not have written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse and not in preparation
	in line with current national advice <sup>3</sup>	not in line with current national advice <sup>3</sup>	in preparation	
	<i>percentage</i>			
<b>Local authority schools</b>	<b>77</b>	-	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Primary	74	-	12	13
Secondary	91	-	7	2
Special	83	-	9	9
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>
Primary	43	5	13	39
Secondary	56	6	13	25
Special	67	2	11	21
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>76</b>	-	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Primary	74	-	12	14
Secondary	87	1	7	5
Special	80	1	10	10
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup> - 2000/01 comparison</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>

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