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## National Statistics releases from ISD

Information presented in this publication from ISD is derived from data sources which are classed as *National Statistics* releases. These include:

- General acute hospital inpatient statistics (SMR01)
- Psychiatric inpatient statistics (SMR04)
- Information from general practice (CMR)
- Drug misuse in pregnancy (SMR02, SMR11)
- Scottish drug misuse database (SMR24)
- Prescriptions relating to drug misuse (PIS)

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Further details on *National Statistics* are contained at the *National Statistics* website [www.statistics.gov.uk](http://www.statistics.gov.uk); further information in relation to *National Statistics* and ISD Scotland is available from [www.show.scot.nhs.uk/isd/National\\_statistics/index.htm](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/isd/National_statistics/index.htm).

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For further information on the non-ISD data please contact the appropriate organisation directly (see page 167) for contact details.

### Conventions

The following symbols and abbreviations have been used :

- || editorial comment  
(appears below footnotes)
- nil or negligible
- . not applicable
- \*\* not available

Percentages are shown *in italics*

Rates per 100 000 population are shown *in italics*

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## Addendum

### **Warning – Section B1 Scottish Drug Misuse Database**

The figures shown for 2001/02 relating to Ayrshire and Arran NHS board area and North, South and East Ayrshire Council areas are incorrect, and relate to **only six** rather than **12 months**. This problem affects all tables and related text in Section B1. All other sections of the bulletin are unaffected.

### **Implications**

The effect of this data shortfall is to invalidate trends for Ayrshire & Arran NHS board and the relevant council areas up to 2001/02. Comparison between Ayrshire and Arran authority figures and other areas would also be inappropriate for 2001/02.

This also affects the 2001/02 totals shown for Scotland. The incomplete record for Ayrshire & Arran is, however, a relatively small percentage of total database returns (6 per cent). It is therefore legitimate for the reader to accept the main findings of the report whilst also being aware of this shortfall.

### **Remedial action**

In September 2003 ISD will publish an update of the Database section of the Bulletin containing revised figures for 2001/2 and new data relating to 2002/3.

Please accept our apologies for this inaccuracy.

ISD Drug Misuse Information Strategy Team  
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# Drug misuse in Scotland – General introduction

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## About Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland 2002

This publication presents the latest available information on drug misuse drawing from a wide range of national data sources: national surveys; the Home Office; the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health; the Crime and Criminal Justice Unit at the Scottish Executive and ISD Scotland.

The information has been grouped within the following subject headings.

- Health impact of drug misuse
- Services and treatment for drug misusers
- Drug education in schools
- Prevalence of drug misuse
- Drugs and criminal justice

Thanks are given to all the organisations supplying the information presented in this publication. Contact details can be found on page 167.

## Drug Misuse Information Strategy Team

The Drug Misuse Information Strategy Team, which produced this publication, are part of the Information and Statistics Division (ISD) Scotland within NHSScotland.

The team:

- provides information support to Drug Action Teams, Local Authorities, NHS boards, specialist drug services, the Scottish Executive, and others;
- manages the Scottish Drug Misuse Database (SDMD), and ensures the effective and appropriate exploitation of other relevant data collected by ISD, e.g. hospital inpatient data;
- develops expertise in the use of available data to produce robust performance and activity indicators to monitor the impact of national and local policies; and
- supports the research and analytical work of other organisations, subject to general strategic priorities and ethical and legal considerations.

The team also provides an information service (ad hoc service) to organisations and individuals who wish to use the data relating to drug misuse collected by ISD Scotland. For further information please contact 0131 551 8715 or e-mail [sdmd@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sdmd@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk) or visit the website at [www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org](http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org).

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