

B1 Statistics from the Scottish Drug Misuse Database, 2002/03

Introduction

The Scottish Drug Misuse Database (SDMD) offers a profile of drug misuse based on non-named data about problem drug users attending services for their drugs problem.

The information presented relates to new patients/clients. The definition of 'new' is any person who is attending the service for (a) the first time ever or (b) it has been at least six months since the last attendance at the service.

This report provides data from the SDMD for 5 years up to year end 31 March 2003. The data presented will also form part of the national publication *Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland* which will be available later in the year.

It is important to note that the percentages quoted below are based on the number of individuals on which data for each specific question are available i.e. they are not based on the total number of individuals reported to the Database. Further information on 'information available' is provided within each table.

Key Points

Profile of individuals reported to SDMD

This section describes the demographic profile of 'new' individuals attending services.

- In 2002/03, 11 472 'new' individuals were reported to the Scottish Drug Misuse Database, an increase from 1998/99 (9 128 individuals) but virtually the same as in 2001/02. The 2002/03 figure corresponds to a rate of 237 per 100 000 population (all ages). (Tables B1.1 and B1.2)
- The male attendance rate is twice that of the female attendance rate (320 per 100 000 population for males, 158 per 100 000 population for females). (Tables B1.3 and B1.4)
- Although overall the male: female attendance ratio is 2.0:1, there is variation between age groups with the under 20's ratio 1.1:1 and for 40 years and over 2.8:1. (Table B1.5)
- Ages ranged from 9 to 69 years, with a median of 27 years. (Table B1.2)
- The age profile of individuals reported to the Database has gradually changed over the past 5 years towards an older population profile – in 1998/99, 14 per cent of individuals reported were under 20 years of age, this has fallen to 11 per cent in 2001/02 and 9 per cent in 2002/03. (Table B1.5)

Where clients are referred from and their presenting issues

This section includes information on the main source of referral and reported issues that have led the person to attend the service for their drug misuse problem.

- Of those individuals being seen by General Practice, the majority (73%) were self referrals i.e. there was no formal referral from another organisation or individual. In Specialist Drug Services 34 per cent were self referrals, with a further 35 per cent being referred from GP/primary care teams. The relatively large percentage of self referrals to GPs probably reflects the role of the GPs as the first point of contact for many drug users. (B1.6a and b)
- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of individuals reported physical health issues, and half (50%) mental health issues in addition to their drug misuse. (Table B1.7)

- Almost half (46%) reported that their purpose in presenting to the service included seeking a prescription related to their addiction, primarily methadone or a similar drug. (Table B1.8)

Types of drugs individuals are using

The Database collects a range of details about the particular drugs which the new patients/clients have used in the past month.

- For new individuals attending services, the percentage who reported using heroin was 77 per cent in 2001/02 (8 168 individuals) and 76 per cent in 2002/03 (7 856 individuals). This compares to 69 per cent in 1998/99 (5 521 individuals). (Table B1.10)
- This slight fall in the percentage who reported using heroin is not reflected in all areas with, for example, a small percentage rise in some of the more rural parts of Scotland (e.g. Dumfries and Galloway, Highland, Fife). (Table B1.12)
- The proportion of people reporting illicit use of diazepam is 37 per cent (3 804 individuals), a slight increase from last year (34%, 3 637 individuals). Of those individuals who reported illicit opiate use, 39 per cent also reported illicit diazepam use (3 229 individuals). (Tables B1.10 and B1.13)
- Twelve per cent of individuals reported illicit use of dihydrocodeine (1 207 individuals) and 8 per cent illicit use of methadone (824 individuals). (Table B1.10)
- Use of cocaine among new individuals attending services has increased from 2 per cent in 1998/99 (190 individuals) to 5 per cent in 2001/02 (548 individuals) and 7 per cent in 2002/03 (739 individuals), a trend reflected in all age groups. Use of crack cocaine among those attending services has also increased from 1 per cent to 2 per cent and then 3 per cent within the same time period (57 to 308 individuals). (Table B1.10)
- For those individuals who reported illicit opiate use, 6 per cent also reported using cocaine (529 individuals), and 3 per cent reported crack cocaine (275 individuals). (Table B1.13)
- There is a growing proportion of alcohol being reported along with drug use by the under 15 age group, with for example, in 1998/99, 23 per cent of under 15s reported alcohol use, 36 per cent in 2001/02 and 48 per cent in 2002/03. Due to the small numbers of people aged under 15 years reported to the Database, caution is recommended when interpreting these data. (Table B1.10)

Age of first use, problem recognition and seeking help

The age of the individual at different points of their drug use: age when first used an illicit drug, age at onset of problem and age when (professional) help was sought. The time lags between these ages provides an indication of the length of time between first use, onset of problem and seeking help.

- The majority (82%) of individuals were in their teens when they first started using illicit drugs (which also includes volatile substances and over the counter medicines), were in their teens/early twenties when their drug use became a problem and were in their late teens and early twenties when they sought help. (Tables B1.14 to B1.16)
- As would be expected, the time from when individuals first used illicit drugs until they perceived there to be a problem varied from person to person. Over a third (35%) reported that they did not perceive their drug use as a problem until after 5 years of misuse. On the other hand, 16 per cent reported recognising a problem within one year of misuse. (Table B1.17)

- The time from the onset of problem drug use to seeking treatment also varied markedly. Twenty-six per cent sought treatment within 1 year of onset, 33 per cent in one to two years, and 18 per cent after three to four years of use. The remaining 23 per cent took more than five years to seek treatment for their drug use. This is very similar to the pattern found in previous years. (Table B1.19)

Ways in which people take drugs

All patients/clients are asked whether they have ever injected and if so, whether they have done so in the past month prior to attending the service. Similar questions are asked regarding sharing needles/syringes and sharing spoons/water/filters/solutions.

- In 2002/03, 42 per cent of individuals reported that they had injected in the past month, an increase from the relative stability of previous years (in 1998/99, 39 %, in 2001/02, 38%). This rise is reflected in all age groups but particularly so in the 20-24 age group. (Tables B1.21 and B1.22)
- Individuals in their twenties more frequently reported that they had injected during the previous month than other age groups (46% and 44% of those aged 20-24 and 25-29 years respectively). Compared with other ages relatively few individuals aged under 20 years reported recent injecting behaviour (30%). (Table B1.22)
- Forty per cent of individuals reported that they were in their teens when they first injected. (Table B1.23)
- In 2002/03, 59 per cent of heroin users reported that they injected the drug (52% in 2001/02). This rise in those reporting injecting heroin reverses the recent downward trend and returns the injecting levels of this drug to the levels reported to the SDMD in the late 1990's (59% in 1998/99). (Table B1.26)
- In 2002/03, 32 per cent of current injectors reported that they shared needles/ syringes in the previous month, a fall from previous years (34% in 1998/99 and 36% in 2001/02). Forty-eight per cent of current injectors reported that they shared spoons/water/filters/solutions in the previous month (50% in 2001/02). (Tables B1.29 and B1.32)

Social information

The personal circumstances of the drug user seeking treatment or advice from services can influence the individual's motivation for seeking help and the extent to which the service can contribute to a change in drug taking behaviour. Information on employment status, current living arrangements and accommodation and the individual's current legal status are each potentially relevant factors and are collected by the Database.

- Eighty-six per cent of new individuals reported that they were unemployed. The percentage reporting being unemployed for one year or longer or never employed, at 72 per cent, is slightly higher than in previous years. (Table B1.36)
- Nearly one in five (18%) of individuals reported that they were living with dependent children. It should be noted that this does not include those individuals who have dependent children that live elsewhere. (Table B1.37)
- Just under half (46%) of people reported to the Database in 2002/03 said that they had previously been in prison (44 % in 2001/02). (Table B1.41)

INTRODUCTION

The Scottish Drug Misuse Database offers a profile of drug misuse based on non-named data about problem drug users attending services for their drugs problem.

Problem drug user

Any person who experiences social, psychological, physical or legal problems related to intoxication and/or regular excessive consumption and/or dependence as a consequence of his/her own use of drugs or chemical substances. - ACMD 1982 .

Established in 1990 at ISD Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Office, the Database gathers information from most specialist drug services in Scotland and from a number of general practitioners, providing a unique source of information on drug misuse in Scotland.

DATA COLLECTION

Information is collected using form SMR24 (introduced April 2001). Annex A includes a sample copy of the form. This collects a variety of information about the user, including demographic, drug profile and injecting and sharing details. Prior to April 2001, the same core data was collected on forms SMR22 and SMR23, there were however some important differences, particularly where data items were not previously collected e.g. sharing injecting equipment (SMR22 & 23), became sharing needles/syringes and sharing spoons/water/filters/solutions. In these cases it is not possible to report accurate trend data. For those trend tables which are included in this publication, it may have been necessary to make certain assumptions about the data. These assumptions are included as footnotes on each table, as required.

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

'New' patients/clients

The information presented relates to new patients/clients. As such, statistics do not reflect the total number of drug misusers seen by services during any period.

New patient/client

Any person who is attending the service for (a) the first time ever or (b) it has been at least six months since the last attendance at the service.

The Database does not collect information on the non-client work in which most specialist projects are involved, nor measure the number of contacts or amount of time spent with clients. The data is usually recorded at or around the time of the initial assessment and no measure of outcome is included.

Misuse of alcohol may be reported to the database only when there are reports of other drugs. It cannot be reported if it is the only substance. From April 2001, alcohol can be reported as the main drug of misuse.

Matching new patients/clients

By means of matching on certain criteria (initial of first name, initial & 4th character of surname, date of birth and gender), an adjustment is made for the double counting of individuals who may have attended more than one service during the period. The accuracy of these matches cannot be guaranteed. This is however, the most precise method of matching individuals given that full name and address is not provided to ISD. Where the terms 'individuals' and 'attendees' have been used, this refers to new patients/clients who have been through the matching process.

Local area analysis and trends

Individuals have been included only once within each NHS board and council area of residence. However, they may appear in more than one area and as a result the sum of the NHS board or council areas data will not equal the Scotland figure. Where data are presented at a national level, individuals are also counted only once in any year. This is true for all tables excluding table B1.42 which presents statistics on all valid forms received.

Also worth noting when considering five year trends is the inclusion of information from non-medical services in Ayrshire & Arran for the first time in 1999/00.

Information received on penal establishment inmates (i.e. including those seen in prison by an external agency) and from needle exchanges have been excluded from most tables presented (except table B1.42), to improve validity of comparisons between NHS board and local authority areas.

Definitions of statistical terms and tests can be found in Annex B.

For more advice on understanding the data please contact the analytical team at DMIST.

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Table B1.1 : New individual patients/clients reported^{1,2}: 1998/99 - 2002/03

number of individuals and EASR; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Numbers					EASR ⁶				
	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
Scotland³	9 128	10 440	10 575	11 648	11 472	180	208	219	242	237
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	1 432	1 206	1 335	1 221	1 196	363	309	362	333	324
Ayrshire & Arran ³	140	1 175	1 230	1 878	1 652	41	352	392	598	519
Borders	79	79	106	118	68	94	98	134	148	83
Dumfries & Galloway	219	194	203	253	243	195	179	188	235	229
Fife	384	420	599	615	806	117	130	190	195	256
Forth Valley	326	259	242	293	309	122	98	93	113	120
Grampian	826	710	633	697	978	162	142	122	138	193
Greater Glasgow	2 837	3 251	3 290	3 392	3 216	282	326	372	374	353
Highland	75	115	124	176	178	41	61	70	103	105
Lanarkshire	424	536	512	552	378	76	97	99	106	72
Lothian	1 841	1 994	1 951	2 139	2 093	218	236	236	259	253
Tayside	565	542	397	344	401	157	151	111	98	115
Island Boards ⁴	28	28	23	46	36	45	48	41	83	69
Outside Scotland	2	7	3	2	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	592	435	361	343	582	264	199	146	139	235
Aberdeenshire	172	201	204	292	345	85	101	112	169	195
Angus	76	65	54	47	52	74	65	59	54	60
Argyll & Bute	31	48	60	120	146	39	64	83	167	202
Ayrshire East ³	60	391	465	590	526	54	362	443	557	493
Ayrshire North ³	30	579	527	905	830	24	455	444	770	698
Ayrshire South ³	50	218	258	408	312	50	223	284	452	336
Borders	79	79	106	118	68	94	98	134	148	83
Clackmannanshire	63	44	48	58	45	147	108	111	136	110
Dumfries & Galloway	219	194	203	253	243	195	179	188	235	229
Dunbartonshire East	58	132	122	100	82	55	123	137	113	95
Dunbartonshire West	362	304	298	262	303	386	319	348	304	346
Dundee City	407	354	262	188	228	280	254	172	126	155
Edinburgh City	1 328	1 433	1 387	1 502	1 348	255	275	266	284	259
Falkirk	169	128	98	135	164	120	95	74	101	120
Fife	384	420	599	615	806	117	130	190	195	256
Glasgow City	2 574	2 902	2 927	3 055	2 923	353	407	465	469	448
Highland	75	115	124	176	178	41	61	70	103	105
Inverclyde	392	379	462	407	378	513	498	617	554	511
Lanarkshire North	310	364	336	385	202	93	110	108	123	64
Lanarkshire South	226	299	328	297	283	77	103	121	108	103
Lothian East	127	154	179	203	244	154	154	266	310	368
Lothian West	242	267	232	232	313	154	166	153	154	206
Midlothian	164	156	162	219	213	208	196	242	343	335
Moray	64	75	69	67	56	76	91	89	91	75
Perth & Kinross	85	123	81	110	121	76	108	72	101	115
Renfrewshire	659	507	515	457	406	395	310	328	295	260
Refrewshire East	98	81	119	90	87	309	101	173	130	126
Stirling	94	87	97	100	100	114	101	117	123	125
Island Councils ⁵	28	28	23	46	36	45	48	41	83	69
Outside Scotland	2	7	3	2	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board and council area. Therefore the sum of the local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Information has been received from an additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran NHS board area from April 1999.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 European Age Standardised Rate per 100 000 population.

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Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.2 : Age group analysis^{1,2}; year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals, EASR (and 95% CI); NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Numbers											EASR ⁵									
	All Ages	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	Median age	Youngest	Oldest	All Ages Rate	(95% CI)	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	
Scotland	11 472	102	957	2 955	3 127	2 318	1 278	735	27	9	69	237	(233, 242)	10	301	937	993	608	317	33	
<i>by NHS board</i>																					
Argyll & Clyde	1 196	7	97	339	343	230	120	60	26	14	55	324	(306, 343)	8	370	1 486	1 460	750	350	31	
Ayrshire & Arran	1 652	9	180	412	415	333	169	134	27	13	68	519	(494, 544)	12	797	2 169	2 030	1 280	595	82	
Borders	68	1	14	11	21	13	2	6	26	14	57	83	(63, 103)	5	247	247	401	177	24	13	
Dumfries & Galloway	243	-	16	89	72	31	24	11	25	15	44	229	(199, 258)	-	193	1 440	994	323	213	17	
Fife	806	17	83	230	226	146	55	49	26	12	60	256	(238, 273)	23	372	1 102	1 136	571	204	32	
Forth Valley	309	9	33	82	84	50	29	22	26	12	58	120	(106, 133)	16	188	483	510	239	130	18	
Grampian	978	12	105	351	284	139	60	27	25	12	48	193	(181, 205)	11	318	1 019	835	342	143	11	
Greater Glasgow	3 216	5	115	620	927	809	512	228	29	13	62	353	(341, 366)	3	200	983	1 556	1 204	729	60	
Highland	178	-	11	50	53	33	16	15	27	16	47	105	(89, 121)	-	90	504	476	236	99	15	
Lanarkshire	378	3	41	97	109	78	31	19	26	13	62	72	(65, 80)	3	112	300	316	180	69	8	
Lothian	2 093	32	207	562	522	397	232	141	27	9	69	253	(242, 264)	22	439	967	909	607	365	42	
Tayside	401	7	54	121	93	71	33	22	25	11	53	115	(104, 127)	9	221	502	429	274	112	13	
Island Boards ³	36	-	3	15	7	5	2	4	25	17	48	69	(49, 91)	-	77	484	188	109	39	13	
<i>by council area</i>																					
Aberdeen City	582	4	52	216	162	90	40	18	25	12	48	235	(216, 255)	11	377	1 102	957	524	247	20	
Aberdeenshire	345	8	50	119	104	44	13	7	24	13	46	195	(175, 216)	16	354	1 126	889	267	69	6	
Angus	52	1	5	16	15	7	5	3	26	14	41	60	(43, 76)	5	77	305	260	98	61	6	
Argyll & Bute	146	-	12	45	34	25	19	11	26	16	46	202	(169, 235)	-	236	1 101	691	410	276	27	
Ayrshire East	526	2	62	140	131	105	48	38	27	14	54	493	(451, 535)	8	836	2 245	1 830	1 158	506	72	
Ayrshire North	830	6	85	215	208	163	83	70	27	13	68	698	(651, 746)	20	980	2 987	2 762	1 680	787	116	
Ayrshire South	312	1	34	62	82	68	39	26	28	13	60	336	(298, 373)	5	522	1 115	1 426	937	465	52	
Borders	68	1	14	11	21	13	2	6	26	14	57	83	(63, 103)	5	247	247	401	177	24	13	
Clackmannanshire	45	-	1	14	19	7	3	1	27	17	41	110	(77, 142)	-	33	546	684	197	77	5	
Dumfries & Galloway	243	-	16	89	72	31	24	11	25	15	44	229	(199, 258)	-	193	1 440	994	323	213	17	
Dunbartonshire East	82	-	2	27	25	12	11	5	27	18	58	95	(74, 116)	-	27	451	516	178	127	10	
Dunbartonshire West	303	-	28	79	74	64	42	16	27	15	52	346	(307, 385)	-	441	1 464	1 338	912	563	37	
Dundee City	228	5	28	66	55	46	17	11	26	11	53	155	(134, 175)	18	279	514	609	473	160	19	
Edinburgh City	1 348	17	114	326	331	280	169	111	28	11	69	259	(245, 273)	23	417	775	868	728	474	60	
Falkirk	164	2	21	40	38	33	21	9	27	12	58	120	(102, 139)	7	237	488	419	289	178	14	
Fife	806	17	83	230	226	146	55	49	26	12	60	256	(238, 273)	23	372	1 102	1 136	571	204	32	
Glasgow City	2 923	5	100	547	838	746	479	208	29	13	62	448	(431, 464)	5	259	1 167	1 858	1 555	1 013	86	
Highland	178	-	11	50	53	33	16	15	27	16	47	105	(89, 121)	-	90	504	476	236	99	15	
Inverclyde	378	1	20	115	117	68	34	23	26	14	55	511	(460, 563)	6	361	2 408	2 489	1 170	496	59	
Lanarkshire North	202	2	11	57	49	45	27	11	28	13	53	64	(55, 73)	3	51	293	232	173	103	8	
Lanarkshire South	283	1	33	65	93	61	13	17	27	14	62	103	(91, 116)	2	169	378	527	270	53	12	
Lothian East	244	-	40	79	59	32	18	16	25	15	53	368	(321, 415)	-	808	2 188	1 301	475	244	38	
Lothian West	313	15	38	87	68	60	34	11	26	9	51	206	(182, 229)	43	383	1 006	650	427	243	15	
Midlothian	213	-	17	80	72	29	12	3	26	17	51	335	(290, 381)	-	340	2 082	1 666	473	183	8	
Moray	56	-	4	18	19	6	7	2	27	15	44	75	(55, 95)	-	78	421	352	86	100	5	
Perth & Kinross	121	1	21	39	23	18	11	8	24	14	52	115	(94, 136)	4	265	645	336	200	105	13	
Renfrewshire	406	6	43	103	129	83	31	11	26	14	48	260	(235, 286)	17	405	1 040	1 302	622	213	14	
Renfrewshire East	87	-	4	25	24	22	7	5	27	16	44	126	(99, 153)	-	70	555	628	383	95	11	
Stirling	100	7	11	28	27	10	5	12	25	12	56	125	(101, 150)	40	194	451	581	166	75	32	
Island Councils ⁴	36	-	3	15	7	5	2	4	25	17	48	69	(49, 91)	-	77	484	188	109	39	13	

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

5 European Age Standardised Rate per 100 000 population.

Table B1.3 : Age group analysis of males^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals, EASR (and 95% CI); NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Numbers											EASR ⁵									
	All Ages	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	Median age	Youngest	Oldest	All ages Rate	(95% CI)	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	
Scotland	7 641	71	494	1 811	2 124	1 657	945	539	28	11	69	320	(313, 327)	14	307	1 148	1 387	900	485	49	
<i>by NHS board</i>																					
Argyll & Clyde	758	5	42	189	221	163	92	46	27	14	55	410	(381, 439)	11	313	1 622	1 933	1 109	551	48	
Ayrshire & Arran	1 058	5	88	248	277	222	121	97	28	13	68	675	(634, 715)	13	775	2 617	2 761	1 796	896	123	
Borders	48	1	8	6	17	10	1	5	27	14	57	117	(84, 151)	9	283	266	668	276	24	21	
Dumfries & Galloway	151	-	8	47	50	25	14	7	27	15	43	283	(237, 328)	-	187	1 498	1 422	539	256	22	
Fife	561	15	56	139	166	106	44	35	27	12	60	361	(331, 391)	41	492	1 353	1 705	856	340	46	
Forth Valley	224	8	24	58	61	41	19	13	26	12	58	177	(154, 200)	28	266	694	763	412	176	22	
Grampian	623	8	49	216	193	96	43	18	26	12	48	240	(221, 259)	15	292	1 195	1 131	469	204	15	
Greater Glasgow	2 211	5	51	371	629	593	382	180	30	13	62	508	(487, 529)	6	178	1 218	2 230	1 863	1 150	97	
Highland	129	-	6	34	42	24	11	12	27	18	47	150	(124, 176)	-	93	639	753	359	140	25	
Lanarkshire	256	3	23	69	64	58	25	14	27	13	53	99	(87, 111)	5	122	426	385	277	116	12	
Lothian	1 371	17	114	353	354	272	166	95	27	11	69	337	(320, 355)	23	485	1 244	1 275	849	541	58	
Tayside	276	4	23	87	64	52	30	16	26	11	52	159	(140, 178)	10	184	698	598	425	211	20	
Island Boards ³	28	-	2	10	6	5	2	3	27	17	48	100	(62, 137)	-	98	598	314	218	77	20	
<i>by council area</i>																					
Aberdeen City	354	3	18	127	108	60	28	10	26	12	48	280	(251, 309)	17	270	1 270	1 250	681	345	22	
Aberdeenshire	237	5	28	80	75	32	11	6	25	13	45	264	(230, 298)	19	376	1 422	1 330	398	119	11	
Angus	34	-	3	11	7	7	5	1	27	17	41	75	(50, 101)	-	88	390	242	204	125	4	
Argyll & Bute	104	-	6	33	24	17	14	10	27	16	46	270	(218, 322)	-	223	1 438	960	537	396	49	
Ayrshire East	339	1	30	91	82	72	35	28	28	14	54	636	(568, 704)	8	807	2 875	2 291	1 662	759	109	
Ayrshire North	538	4	47	126	153	101	56	51	27	13	68	945	(866, 1024)	27	1 086	3 594	4 257	2 241	1 145	177	
Ayrshire South	192	-	12	34	46	51	31	18	30	15	60	410	(352, 468)	-	362	1 211	1 608	1 447	773	74	
Borders	48	1	8	6	17	10	1	5	27	14	57	117	(84, 151)	9	283	266	668	276	24	21	
Clackmannanshire	30	-	1	9	12	5	2	1	27	17	41	146	(94, 199)	-	64	700	875	289	106	9	
Dumfries & Galloway	151	-	8	47	50	25	14	7	27	15	43	283	(237, 328)	-	187	1 498	1 422	539	256	22	
Dunbartonshire East	55	-	2	18	17	7	9	2	27	18	47	129	(94, 164)	-	54	566	730	219	222	8	
Dunbartonshire West	192	-	10	46	45	48	31	12	29	15	52	451	(387, 514)	-	313	1 728	1 714	1 448	880	58	
Dundee City	154	3	11	49	37	31	15	8	26	11	51	213	(179, 247)	21	220	766	841	681	299	28	
Edinburgh City	859	8	53	193	222	186	120	77	29	11	69	334	(311, 356)	21	392	947	1 187	967	692	84	
Falkirk	125	2	17	30	28	27	14	7	26	12	58	186	(153, 218)	14	371	727	633	497	244	23	
Fife	561	15	56	139	166	106	44	35	27	12	60	361	(331, 391)	41	492	1 353	1 705	856	340	46	
Glasgow City	2 016	5	44	322	569	550	358	168	30	13	62	646	(618, 674)	9	230	1 458	2 657	2 406	1 583	142	
Highland	129	-	6	34	42	24	11	12	27	18	47	150	(124, 176)	-	93	639	753	359	140	25	
Inverclyde	229	-	5	63	73	44	29	15	27	15	55	629	(548, 710)	-	178	2 582	3 224	1 634	876	80	
Lanarkshire North	138	2	8	39	28	31	22	8	28	13	53	88	(73, 103)	6	72	401	276	248	174	12	
Lanarkshire South	190	1	16	48	59	45	8	13	27	14	46	142	(122, 162)	3	159	555	703	414	70	19	
Lothian East	170	-	26	54	41	25	13	11	26	15	53	521	(441, 600)	-	1 056	2 956	1 929	791	368	55	
Lothian West	208	9	23	60	44	40	26	6	26	13	50	280	(241, 318)	51	461	1 400	897	592	385	16	
Midlothian	147	-	12	50	52	24	8	1	26	17	51	476	(399, 553)	-	473	2 647	2 552	829	262	5	
Moray	35	-	3	10	11	5	4	2	27	15	44	85	(57, 114)	-	111	407	394	138	108	10	
Perth & Kinross	88	1	9	27	20	14	10	7	25	14	52	163	(128, 197)	7	219	832	585	328	193	24	
Renfrewshire	252	5	21	52	83	61	22	8	27	14	44	329	(288, 370)	28	387	1 061	1 754	972	314	20	
Renfrewshire East	62	-	4	13	17	18	6	4	28	16	44	181	(135, 227)	-	136	555	926	685	177	18	
Stirling	69	6	6	19	21	9	3	5	25	12	53	182	(139, 225)	68	208	643	950	321	95	27	
Island Councils ⁴	28	-	2	10	6	5	2	3	27	17	48	100	(62, 137)	-	98	598	314	218	77	20	

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3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

5 European Age Standardised Rate per 100 000 population.

Table B1.4 : Age group analysis of females^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals, EASR (and 95% CI); NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Numbers											EASR ⁵									
	All Ages	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	Median age	Youngest	Oldest	All ages Rate	(95% CI)	Under 15 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	
Scotland	3 831	31	463	1 144	1 003	661	333	196	26	9	69	158	(153, 163)	6	296	725	620	335	160	17	
<i>by NHS board</i>																					
Argyll & Clyde	438	2	55	150	122	67	28	14	25	14	48	243	(220, 266)	5	430	1 345	1 012	420	159	14	
Ayrshire & Arran	594	4	92	164	138	111	48	37	26	13	59	371	(341, 401)	11	819	1 723	1 326	813	322	43	
Borders	20	-	6	5	4	3	1	1	24	17	49	50	(28, 73)	-	211	226	149	80	24	4	
Dumfries & Galloway	92	-	8	42	22	6	10	4	24	15	44	177	(141, 214)	-	199	1 380	590	121	173	12	
Fife	245	2	27	91	60	40	11	14	25	14	54	154	(135, 174)	6	248	859	590	304	78	18	
Forth Valley	85	1	9	24	23	9	10	9	27	14	56	65	(51, 78)	4	106	279	271	82	87	14	
Grampian	355	4	56	135	91	43	17	9	24	13	46	145	(130, 160)	8	345	824	537	214	81	7	
Greater Glasgow	1 005	-	64	249	298	216	130	48	28	15	58	213	(200, 227)	-	222	764	950	611	351	24	
Highland	49	-	5	16	11	9	5	3	26	16	43	60	(43, 77)	-	87	349	198	123	60	6	
Lanarkshire	122	-	18	28	45	20	6	5	26	15	62	47	(38, 55)	-	101	174	251	89	25	4	
Lothian	722	15	93	209	168	125	66	46	26	9	69	173	(160, 185)	21	393	702	566	375	201	27	
Tayside	125	3	31	34	29	19	3	6	23	14	53	73	(60, 86)	8	259	292	265	139	20	7	
Island Boards ³	8	-	1	5	1	-	-	1	z	z	z	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
<i>by council area</i>																					
Aberdeen City	228	1	34	89	54	30	12	8	24	14	46	188	(164, 213)	6	478	926	652	359	148	17	
Aberdeenshire	108	3	22	39	29	12	2	1	23	13	46	265	(230, 300)	4	508	1 801	891	355	126	14	
Angus	18	1	2	5	8	-	-	2	26	14	41	44	(23, 64)	10	64	207	278	-	-	8	
Argyll & Bute	42	-	6	12	10	8	5	1	25	16	40	125	(86, 164)	-	251	669	413	273	149	5	
Ayrshire East	187	1	32	49	49	33	13	10	26	14	50	353	(302, 404)	8	866	1 596	1 369	697	267	37	
Ayrshire North	292	2	38	89	55	62	27	19	26	14	59	474	(419, 528)	14	874	2 411	1 397	1 193	477	60	
Ayrshire South	120	1	22	28	36	17	8	8	26	13	45	266	(218, 314)	9	688	1 016	1 245	456	182	30	
Borders	20	-	6	5	4	3	1	1	24	17	49	50	(28, 73)	-	211	226	149	80	24	4	
Clackmannanshire	15	-	-	5	7	2	1	-	27	21	36	73	(36, 111)	-	-	390	498	110	50	-	
Dumfries & Galloway	92	-	8	42	22	6	10	4	24	15	44	177	(141, 214)	-	199	1 380	590	121	173	12	
Dunbartonshire East	27	-	-	9	8	5	2	3	26	20	58	62	(38, 86)	-	-	320	318	140	43	11	
Dunbartonshire West	111	-	18	33	29	16	11	4	25	17	48	252	(205, 299)	-	570	1 207	998	432	279	18	
Dundee City	74	2	17	17	18	15	2	3	25	14	53	100	(77, 123)	15	337	264	388	290	35	11	
Edinburgh City	489	9	61	133	109	94	49	34	27	13	69	187	(171, 204)	25	442	614	561	489	268	37	
Falkirk	39	-	4	10	10	6	7	2	28	16	44	56	(39, 74)	-	94	245	215	101	116	6	
Fife	245	2	27	91	60	40	11	14	25	14	54	154	(135, 174)	6	248	859	590	304	78	18	
Glasgow City	907	-	56	225	269	196	121	40	28	15	44		(249, 283)								
Highland	49	-	5	16	11	9	5	3	26	16	43	60	(43, 77)	-	87	349	198	123	60	6	
Inverclyde	149	1	15	52	44	24	5	8	25	14	44	404	(339, 469)	12	548	2 227	1 806	769	141	39	
Lanarkshire North	64	-	3	18	21	14	5	3	28	17	53	40	(30, 50)	-	28	185	192	104	37	4	
Lanarkshire South	93	-	17	17	34	16	5	4	26	15	62	67	(53, 81)	-	178	199	368	137	39	6	
Lothian East	74	-	14	25	18	7	5	5	24	16	44	222	(170, 274)	-	563	1 401	747	196	130	22	
Lothian West	105	6	15	27	24	20	8	5	25	9	51	135	(109, 162)	35	304	619	431	274	110	14	
Midlothian	66	-	5	30	20	5	4	2	24	17	40	206	(156, 256)	-	203	1 536	876	154	114	10	
Moray	21	-	1	8	8	1	3	-	26	16	39	64	(36, 91)	-	41	439	307	30	90	-	
Perth & Kinross	33	-	12	12	3	4	1	1	22	15	42	67	(44, 90)	-	315	428	87	84	19	3	
Renfrewshire	154	1	22	51	46	22	9	3	25	14	48	198	(166, 229)	6	424	1 019	889	311	119	7	
Renfrewshire East	25	-	-	12	7	4	1	1	25	20	42	76	(46, 106)	-	-	554	352	128	25	4	
Stirling	31	1	5	9	6	1	2	7	27	14	56	74	(48, 100)	12	179	276	246	31	58	37	
Island Councils ⁴	8	-	1	5	1	-	-	1	z	z	z	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

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3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

5 European Age Standardised Rate per 100 000 population.

z Not shown where information available <= 10.

Table B1.5 : Age group and gender^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03

percentage and number of individuals ; gender and age group

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENT/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
	<i>percentage</i>					<i>number</i>				
Males & females (=100%)						9 128	10 440	10 575	11 648	11 472
Under 15 years	0	1	1	1	1	45	53	84	108	102
15-19 years	14	13	11	10	8	1 267	1 338	1 159	1 162	957
20-24 years	30	29	27	26	26	2 776	3 007	2 894	3 043	2 955
25-29 years	27	28	28	28	27	2 429	2 892	2 995	3 226	3 127
30-34 years	17	18	19	19	20	1 586	1 845	1 965	2 221	2 318
35-39 years	7	8	9	10	11	618	819	946	1 212	1 278
40 years and over	4	5	5	6	6	407	486	532	676	735
Males (=100%)						6 237	6 980	7 186	7 840	7 641
Under 15 years	0	1	1	1	1	30	36	54	66	71
15-19 years	12	11	9	8	6	776	779	665	651	494
20-24 years	29	28	26	24	24	1 798	1 946	1 879	1 907	1 811
25-29 years	28	29	29	29	28	1 725	1 997	2 081	2 278	2 124
30-34 years	19	19	20	20	22	1 183	1 324	1 445	1 564	1 657
35-39 years	7	8	10	11	12	441	571	687	868	945
40 years and over	5	5	5	6	7	284	327	375	506	539
Females (=100%)						2 891	3 460	3 389	3 808	3 831
Under 15 years	1	0	1	1	1	15	17	30	42	31
15-19 years	17	16	15	13	12	491	559	494	511	463
20-24 years	34	31	30	30	30	978	1 061	1 015	1 136	1 144
25-29 years	24	26	27	25	26	704	895	914	948	1 003
30-34 years	14	15	15	17	17	403	521	520	657	661
35-39 years	6	7	8	9	9	177	248	259	344	333
40 years and over	4	5	5	4	5	123	159	157	170	196

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2 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SDMD in 1999/00.

- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

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|| Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database

Table B1.6a : Source of referral to general practice^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Self	GP/primary care team	Criminal justice - social work	Criminal justice - other	Social work - other	Specialist drug service	Other	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>								
Scotland	73	21	1	0	1	3	1	1 140	28
<i>by NHS board</i>									
Argyll & Clyde	88	6	1	-	1	3	1	124	1
Borders	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Dumfries & Galloway	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fife	88	6	-	-	-	6	-	16	-
Forth Valley	67	33	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Grampian	73	25	2	-	-	-	-	55	-
Greater Glasgow	71	15	0	0	3	10	0	215	10
Highland	25	25	50	-	-	-	-	4	-
Lanarkshire	38	53	5	-	-	3	3	40	-
Lothian	72	24	0	-	1	2	1	668	16
Tayside	67	8	-	8	-	8	8	12	-
Island Boards ³	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
<i>by council area</i>									
Aberdeen City	73	25	2	-	-	-	-	44	-
Aberdeenshire	78	22	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
Angus	50	25	-	-	-	25	-	4	-
Argyll & Bute	83	11	-	-	-	6	-	18	-
Borders	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Clackmannanshire	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dumfries & Galloway	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dunbartonshire East	70	10	-	-	10	10	-	10	-
Dunbartonshire West	91	3	2	-	-	3	2	65	1
Dundee City	60	-	-	20	-	-	20	5	-
Edinburgh City	73	25	-	-	0	1	1	473	15
Falkirk	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fife	88	6	-	-	-	6	-	16	-
Glasgow City	66	17	1	1	3	12	1	159	9
Highland	25	25	50	-	-	-	-	4	-
Inverclyde	95	5	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Lanarkshire North	32	56	6	-	-	3	3	34	-
Lanarkshire South	82	13	-	-	3	3	-	39	1
Lothian East	72	24	-	-	3	-	1	72	1
Lothian West	70	25	-	-	-	4	-	67	-
Midlothian	69	19	1	-	1	9	-	67	1
Moray	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Perth & Kinross	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Renfrewshire	88	6	-	-	3	3	-	32	-
Renfrewshire East	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Stirling	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Island Councils ⁴	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1

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- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.6b : Source of referral to specialist drug services^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Self	GP/primary care team	Criminal justice - social work	Criminal justice - other	Social work - other	Specialist drug service	Family/friend	Psychiatrist	Other	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>										
Scotland	34	35	5	4	5	9	1	0	7	9 474	180
<i>by NHS board</i>											
Argyll & Clyde	47	24	7	3	6	4	1	0	9	838	14
Ayrshire & Arran	39	32	1	2	1	17	0	0	7	1 634	12
Borders	33	35	5	-	4	11	-	-	12	57	-
Dumfries & Galloway	61	21	5	0	2	2	2	0	6	236	2
Fife	38	30	10	6	3	4	1	-	8	766	21
Forth Valley	11	33	11	7	9	20	-	-	10	294	8
Grampian	23	55	3	6	3	4	1	-	5	895	17
Greater Glasgow	36	29	6	4	7	10	1	0	7	2 752	58
Highland	31	53	3	1	-	6	-	-	7	160	3
Lanarkshire	24	44	6	5	6	11	2	-	3	300	4
Lothian	26	44	4	1	8	7	2	0	7	1 209	29
Tayside	22	49	4	5	5	6	1	0	7	374	12
Island Boards ³	61	33	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	18	-
<i>by council area</i>											
Aberdeen City	20	62	3	7	1	5	1	-	2	516	15
Aberdeenshire	23	47	3	6	7	3	2	-	9	331	1
Angus	4	60	2	9	7	2	-	-	16	45	-
Argyll & Bute	37	27	9	1	5	8	1	2	10	111	4
Ayrshire East	37	33	2	3	2	17	0	0	7	520	5
Ayrshire North	46	30	1	2	1	12	-	-	8	819	7
Ayrshire South	26	34	2	2	1	31	-	-	5	310	1
Borders	33	35	5	-	4	11	-	-	12	57	-
Clackmannanshire	11	41	11	5	2	20	-	-	9	44	-
Dumfries & Galloway	61	21	5	0	2	2	2	0	6	236	2
Dunbartonshire East	40	26	8	5	14	2	2	-	5	65	2
Dunbartonshire West	22	45	7	0	8	5	0	-	12	227	4
Dundee City	15	51	6	5	6	8	1	0	8	215	8
Edinburgh City	28	43	5	1	7	10	1	0	6	689	19
Falkirk	9	33	11	8	6	21	-	-	13	159	4
Fife	38	30	10	6	3	4	1	-	8	766	21
Glasgow City	37	28	5	5	7	10	0	0	8	2 530	50
Highland	31	53	3	1	-	6	-	-	7	160	3
Inverclyde	59	5	5	7	6	8	3	1	7	167	1
Lanarkshire North	37	33	8	3	4	7	3	-	6	150	2
Lanarkshire South	16	49	6	6	9	12	0	-	2	218	5
Lothian East	18	65	1	1	4	1	5	-	6	156	9
Lothian West	22	40	4	2	16	1	3	1	11	243	1
Midlothian	30	34	5	3	5	13	5	1	4	129	2
Moray	53	30	-	-	2	4	-	-	11	53	1
Perth & Kinross	42	42	2	3	4	4	1	-	3	114	4
Renfrewshire	60	17	7	2	5	1	0	-	7	358	7
Renfrewshire East	23	46	6	3	5	4	6	1	6	79	1
Stirling	13	30	11	7	16	19	-	-	4	91	4
Island Councils ⁴	61	33	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	18	-

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- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.7 : Presenting issue(s)^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Physical Health percentage ⁶	Mental Health	Pregnancy	Legal	Social/ housing	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland³	64	50	5	19	1	5 886	5 586
<i>by NHS board</i>							
Argyll & Clyde	59	46	11	15	0	648	548
Ayrshire & Arran ³	70	41	8	22	-	144	1 508
Borders	63	63	3	15	-	59	9
Dumfries & Galloway	57	60	1	13	4	128	115
Fife	57	41	9	20	3	474	332
Forth Valley	50	27	3	35	-	188	121
Grampian	72	40	8	23	1	636	342
Greater Glasgow	71	48	3	23	1	1 678	1 538
Highland	50	54	4	14	3	111	67
Lanarkshire	81	44	2	12	1	266	112
Lothian	60	62	3	15	1	1 326	767
Tayside	39	68	2	25	0	240	161
Island Boards ⁴	36	68	8	4	-	25	11
<i>by council area</i>							
Aberdeen City	71	44	11	22	1	410	172
Aberdeenshire	73	37	1	24	1	194	151
Angus	13	67	-	40	-	15	37
Argyll & Bute	69	50	3	20	-	103	43
Ayrshire East ³	57	40	2	14	-	42	484
Ayrshire North ³	52	36	20	14	-	44	786
Ayrshire South ³	90	43	3	35	-	60	252
Borders	63	63	3	15	-	59	9
Clackmannanshire	48	38	7	21	-	29	16
Dumfries & Galloway	57	60	1	13	4	128	115
Dunbartonshire East	69	42	9	13	-	45	37
Dunbartonshire West	62	55	6	13	1	141	162
Dundee City	38	69	4	30	1	132	96
Edinburgh City	55	64	3	13	1	862	486
Falkirk	53	24	4	36	-	91	73
Fife	57	41	9	20	3	474	332
Glasgow City	71	47	3	24	1	1 504	1 419
Highland	50	54	4	14	3	111	67
Inverclyde	56	54	18	5	1	175	203
Lanarkshire North	81	38	3	16	2	129	73
Lanarkshire South	83	55	1	9	-	207	76
Lothian East	57	66	3	15	1	115	129
Lothian West	65	62	1	21	-	210	103
Midlothian	77	42	3	16	-	153	60
Moray	81	16	8	14	-	37	19
Perth & Kinross	44	68	-	14	-	93	28
Renfrewshire	58	35	12	18	0	233	173
Renfrewshire East	41	67	7	29	-	69	18
Stirling	47	26	-	40	-	68	32
Island Councils ⁵	36	68	8	4	-	25	11

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Information on presenting issue(s) is not currently collected by the local Ayrshire database in a comparable format.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 Percentages will not add up to 100 as individuals may report more than one presenting issue.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

|| Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.8 : Seeking prescription^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Seeking Prescription percentage	Information available (=100%) number
Scotland³	46	10 104
<i>by NHS board</i>		
Argyll & Clyde	49	1 196
Ayrshire & Arran ³	85	282
Borders	22	68
Dumfries & Galloway	76	243
Fife	47	806
Forth Valley	45	309
Grampian	37	978
Greater Glasgow	46	3 216
Highland	37	178
Lanarkshire	44	378
Lothian	43	2 093
Tayside	38	401
Island Boards ⁴	36	36
<i>by council area</i>		
Aberdeen City	38	582
Aberdeenshire	31	345
Angus	37	52
Argyll & Bute	27	146
Ayrshire East ³	88	58
Ayrshire North ³	81	161
Ayrshire South ³	92	65
Borders	22	68
Clackmannanshire	27	45
Dumfries & Galloway	76	243
Dunbartonshire East	35	82
Dunbartonshire West	52	303
Dundee City	38	228
Edinburgh City	42	1 348
Falkirk	52	164
Fife	47	806
Glasgow City	47	2 923
Highland	37	178
Inverclyde	47	378
Lanarkshire North	42	202
Lanarkshire South	41	283
Lothian East	44	244
Lothian West	38	313
Midlothian	53	213
Moray	57	56
Perth & Kinross	40	121
Renfrewshire	52	406
Renfrewshire East	51	87
Stirling	41	100
Island Councils ⁵	36	36

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Information on seeking prescription is not currently collected by the local Ayrshire database.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

|| Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.9 : All illicit drugs^{1,2,3,4}: year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals reporting using each drug of misuse; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	New individual patients/clients number	Individuals reporting illicit drug use ⁷	Opiates		Benzodiazepines							Other drug types										
			Heroin	Morphine	Methadone	Dihydro-codeine	Dipipanone	Buprenorphine	Other Opiates	Diazepam	Temazepam	Other Benzodiazepines	Other Sedatives	Amphetamines	Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Ecstasy	Hallucinogens	Cannabis	Solvents	Alcohol	Other Drugs
Scotland	11 472	10 311	7 856	94	824	1 207	19	27	79	3 804	402	243	65	508	739	308	434	29	3 102	77	1 018	140
<i>by NHS board</i>																						
Argyll & Clyde	1 196	1 088	876	3	28	64	-	3	8	423	55	18	1	44	46	22	47	5	320	4	98	5
Ayrshire & Arran	1 652	1 634	1 181	2	70	135	7	7	19	446	39	9	15	104	44	37	67	12	346	3	256	72
Borders	68	63	28	-	5	11	-	-	-	25	6	2	1	6	5	2	10	-	37	3	12	-
Dumfries & Galloway	243	233	223	1	10	8	1	-	-	53	2	14	6	7	7	10	7	-	56	-	12	1
Fife	806	751	564	7	56	74	-	3	7	269	12	37	18	57	23	7	30	4	291	21	71	7
Forth Valley	309	264	206	3	11	37	-	-	3	136	5	2	-	18	5	3	22	-	71	2	30	4
Grampian	978	889	765	1	44	94	1	4	2	222	19	30	13	39	72	100	50	2	318	7	42	3
Greater Glasgow	3 216	2 760	2 281	9	135	144	1	3	18	1 152	138	87	-	68	382	40	47	2	553	5	252	9
Highland	178	169	124	-	6	22	-	1	2	57	3	4	2	17	2	3	12	-	84	-	11	-
Lanarkshire	378	356	274	1	5	23	2	-	5	86	9	14	3	9	51	1	14	1	112	4	28	1
Lothian	2 093	1 781	1 175	4	339	464	-	3	12	780	84	23	4	106	85	75	103	2	763	23	179	27
Tayside	401	355	187	64	119	133	7	2	3	165	29	3	1	27	21	6	20	1	142	5	26	11
Island Boards ⁵	36	32	23	-	1	2	-	1	-	13	1	3	1	6	2	2	6	-	23	-	5	-
<i>by council area</i>																						
Aberdeen City	582	521	450	-	36	42	-	-	1	153	11	5	12	15	45	74	17	1	167	2	19	3
Aberdeenshire	345	319	279	-	8	42	1	3	1	50	7	24	1	18	19	23	25	1	128	4	18	-
Angus	52	39	25	3	15	7	1	-	-	19	4	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	15	1	3	1
Argyll & Bute	146	119	76	1	3	8	-	1	3	48	7	4	-	5	10	3	9	2	52	1	35	1
Ayrshire East	526	525	405	1	36	36	-	2	9	156	11	6	6	47	9	12	20	2	100	-	76	15
Ayrshire North	830	815	582	1	24	93	7	5	7	227	24	1	6	31	21	18	30	7	189	2	123	43
Ayrshire South	312	310	210	-	11	8	-	-	3	68	4	2	3	26	14	8	17	3	58	1	58	14
Borders	68	63	28	-	5	11	-	-	-	25	6	2	1	6	5	2	10	-	37	3	12	-
Clackmannanshire	45	38	21	1	3	14	-	-	1	23	-	1	-	3	-	2	7	-	10	-	7	2
Dumfries & Galloway	243	233	223	1	10	8	1	-	1	53	2	14	6	7	7	10	7	-	56	-	12	1
Dunbartonshire East	82	70	56	-	1	2	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	2	11	2	3	-	22	-	7	-
Dunbartonshire West	303	277	225	3	16	13	-	-	-	120	16	4	-	8	6	4	9	-	114	-	32	1
Dundee City	228	203	85	59	84	109	4	1	1	109	23	-	1	16	12	6	15	-	88	4	18	7
Edinburgh City	1 348	1 100	690	3	240	305	-	2	7	497	64	10	3	58	47	51	55	2	417	11	108	15
Falkirk	164	142	119	1	6	16	-	-	2	69	3	-	-	3	4	1	6	-	32	-	14	2
Fife	806	751	564	7	56	74	-	3	7	269	12	37	18	57	23	7	30	4	291	21	71	7
Glasgow City	2 923	2 508	2 093	7	123	133	1	3	17	1 062	134	81	-	57	349	36	38	2	468	5	229	8
Highland	178	169	124	-	6	22	-	1	2	57	3	4	2	17	2	3	12	-	84	-	11	-
Inverclyde	378	347	297	1	6	16	-	-	2	131	32	7	-	10	5	7	16	1	85	1	10	1
Lanarkshire North	202	191	142	-	6	6	1	-	2	35	4	6	1	7	29	-	3	-	67	-	22	1
Lanarkshire South	283	254	200	1	10	22	1	-	4	86	7	10	2	7	41	1	16	1	68	4	15	-
Lothian East	244	219	173	-	41	56	-	-	1	101	8	7	-	14	11	11	16	-	112	1	12	2
Lothian West	313	284	179	-	19	46	-	-	-	102	8	2	1	20	20	7	15	-	132	11	46	7
Midlothian	213	197	149	1	43	60	-	1	4	87	5	5	-	15	8	6	18	-	111	1	13	3
Moray	56	54	40	1	-	11	-	1	-	19	1	1	-	6	8	3	8	-	24	1	5	-
Perth & Kinross	121	113	77	2	20	17	2	1	2	37	2	2	-	8	7	-	4	1	39	-	5	3
Renfrewshire	406	369	302	-	3	24	-	2	3	134	2	6	1	19	26	8	14	2	76	2	23	2
Renfrewshire East	87	85	56	-	5	7	-	-	-	26	-	1	-	6	4	2	-	-	35	-	5	1
Stirling	100	84	66	1	2	7	-	-	-	44	2	2	1	12	1	-	9	-	29	2	9	-
Island Councils ⁵	36	32	23	-	1	2	-	1	-	13	1	3	1	6	2	2	6	-	23	-	5	-

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 The total drugs reported is greater than the number of new individuals reporting illicit drug use because individuals may have reported use of more than one drug.

4 An illicit drug is any drug that has not been prescribed for the user. This includes illegal drugs, volatile substances, inappropriate use of over the counter medicines and alcohol.

5 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

6 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

7 At least one drug has been reported in the illicit drug profile.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

Table B1.10 : All illicit drugs^{1,2,3,4} : 1998/99 - 2002/03
percentage of individuals using each drug of misuse by age group
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	All ages					Under 15 years					15 - 19 years					20 - 24 years					25 - 29 years					
	1998/99 ^{5,r}	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^{6,r}	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^{6,r}	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^{6,r}	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^{6,r}	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	
Individuals reporting illicit drug use⁵ (=100%)	7 957	9 210	9 477	10 544	10 311	43	52	78	107	100	1 198	1 263	1 096	1 117	911	2 500	2 727	2 671	2 840	2 703	2 114	2 586	2 672	2 946	2 813	
<i>percentage</i>																										
Opiates																										
Heroin	69	71	78	77	76	7	12	10	5	4	68	67	72	69	63	74	76	83	84	83	71	75	80	82	80	
Morphine	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Methadone	11	11	9	8	8	2	-	-	3	1	11	11	9	6	7	11	12	9	8	9	11	11	9	8	8	
Dihydrocodeine	17	17	15	13	12	9	8	3	5	4	17	18	18	15	12	17	17	15	14	14	19	17	16	13	11	
Dipipanone	1	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Buprenorphine	1	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	
Other Opiates	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	
Benzodiazepines																										
Diazepam	32	34	34	34	37	19	13	12	26	22	34	37	34	38	36	34	36	36	36	39	32	34	35	36	39	
Temazepam	14	8	3	5	4	5	2	-	1	2	12	7	3	2	3	14	8	3	4	3	15	10	4	6	4	
Other Benzodiazepines	3	3	2	2	2	5	-	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	
Other drug types																										
Other Sedatives	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Amphetamines	12	9	5	4	5	12	8	15	7	13	13	10	6	7	9	10	7	4	3	4	12	9	4	4	4	
Cocaine	2	4	5	5	7	-	2	-	-	1	2	3	4	4	6	2	3	4	4	6	2	4	5	5	8	
Crack cocaine	1	1	1	2	3	-	-	3	-	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	3	
Ecstasy	5	5	5	5	4	9	8	15	17	22	9	9	13	16	12	5	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	
Hallucinogens	1	1	1	0	0	2	4	5	7	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cannabis	33	30	32	29	30	70	77	77	79	83	43	39	46	45	46	34	29	34	29	32	30	28	30	26	28	
Solvents	1	1	1	1	1	37	19	27	37	28	1	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alcohol	11	11	12	9	10	23	31	40	36	48	11	11	15	13	17	8	8	9	6	7	10	11	10	6	7	
Other Drugs	1	1	1	1	1	-	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Individuals reporting illicit drug use⁵ (=100%)	2 500	2 727	2 671	2 840	2 703	2 114	2 586	2 672	2 946	2 813	1 334	1 547	1 728	1 962	2 034	487	690	813	1 030	1 121	281	345	419	542	629	
Opiates																										
Heroin	74	76	83	84	83	71	75	80	82	80	68	69	76	77	77	64	63	76	75	74	46	48	67	60	66	
Morphine	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	
Methadone	11	12	9	8	9	11	11	9	8	8	9	12	8	8	8	7	8	8	7	7	11	10	7	6	7	
Dihydrocodeine	17	17	15	14	14	19	17	16	13	11	15	17	13	11	11	13	15	15	11	10	17	15	16	12	11	
Dipipanone	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	-	
Buprenorphine	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	
Other Opiates	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	
Benzodiazepines																										
Diazepam	34	36	36	36	39	32	34	35	36	39	30	33	33	33	36	22	30	30	30	33	28	24	26	29	29	
Temazepam	14	8	3	4	3	15	10	4	6	4	15	10	4	5	4	11	6	3	4	4	11	6	2	2	3	
Other Benzodiazepines	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	
Other drug types																										
Other Sedatives	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	-	0	0	1	1	
Amphetamines	10	7	4	3	4	12	9	4	4	4	13	9	7	5	5	13	11	6	5	6	14	10	5	5	6	
Cocaine	2	3	4	4	6	2	4	5	5	8	3	4	6	7	8	3	4	5	7	10	5	4	5	5	7	
Crack cocaine	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	
Ecstasy	5	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	2	4	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	5	3	3	2	2	
Hallucinogens	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	
Cannabis	34	29	34	29	32	30	28	30	26	28	29	28	26	25	24	30	31	26	24	25	31	24	26	26	24	
Solvents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	0	-	1	
Alcohol	8	8	9	6	7	10	11	10	6	7	13	14	12	8	9	16	14	15	11	13	27	25	19	18	18	
Other Drugs	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	5	1	5	5	

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.
2 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SMWD in 1999/00.
3 The total drugs reported is greater than the number of new individual patients/clients because individuals may have reported use of more than one drug. Therefore percentages may add up to more than 100%.
4 An illicit drug is any drug that has not been prescribed for the user. This includes illegal drugs, volatile substances, inappropriate use of over the counter medicines and alcohol.
5 At least one drug has been reported in the illicit drug profile.
6 As a result of the migration rules which have been applied to migrate SMR22 & SMR23 data onto the SMR24 database, the numbers reporting illicit use of drugs which can be prescribed are likely to be an underestimate for the years 1998/99 to 2000/01.
[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)
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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.11 : Main illicit drug^{1,2,3} : year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals reporting using each drug as main drug of misuse; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	New individual patients/clients number	Individuals Opiates reporting illicit drug use ⁶		Benzodiazepines								Other drug types										
		Heroin	Morphine	Methadone	Dihydro-codeine	Dipipanone	Buprenorphine	Other Opiates	Diazepam	Temazepam	Other Benzodiazepines	Other Sedatives	Amphetamines	Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Ecstasy	Hallucinogens	Cannabis	Solvents	Alcohol ⁷	Other Drugs	
Scotland	11 472	10 311	7 307	16	251	337	2	6	35	545	31	22	1	187	155	38	66	2	834	32	361	83
<i>by NHS board</i>																						
Argyll & Clyde	1 196	1 088	834	2	7	17	-	-	3	65	4	-	-	26	10	3	6	1	78	4	26	2
Ayrshire & Arran	1 652	1 634	1 125	-	23	45	-	2	10	55	7	1	1	36	12	2	5	-	66	1	181	62
Borders	68	63	23	-	1	3	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	20	1	1	-
Dumfries & Galloway	243	233	216	-	-	1	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	4	-	1	1
Fife	806	751	534	3	10	14	-	2	3	46	-	1	-	19	5	2	5	-	84	5	15	3
Forth Valley	309	264	193	1	3	11	-	-	2	14	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	22	1	9	1
Grampian	978	889	738	-	10	6	-	-	1	26	1	-	-	6	8	3	9	-	72	4	4	1
Greater Glasgow	3 216	2 760	2 145	3	43	26	-	2	7	150	12	16	-	34	81	14	12	-	148	4	60	3
Highland	178	169	120	-	1	2	-	-	1	9	-	1	-	5	1	-	1	-	24	-	4	-
Lanarkshire	378	356	265	-	1	3	1	-	2	18	-	1	-	5	13	-	2	-	36	1	8	-
Lothian	2 093	1 781	1 011	1	102	150	-	-	5	128	6	2	-	37	21	12	20	1	227	10	42	6
Tayside	401	355	134	7	51	60	-	-	1	21	-	-	-	9	5	1	2	-	49	1	10	4
Island Boards ⁴	36	32	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	-
<i>by council area</i>																						
Aberdeen City	582	521	430	-	10	2	-	-	-	23	1	-	-	3	6	3	2	-	36	2	2	1
Aberdeenshire	345	319	273	-	-	4	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	-	30	1	1	-
Angus	52	39	19	-	7	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	2	-
Argyll & Bute	146	119	68	1	1	1	-	-	1	7	1	-	-	2	3	1	2	1	13	1	16	-
Ayrshire East	526	525	388	-	9	7	-	-	6	18	3	-	-	18	2	-	2	-	11	-	48	13
Ayrshire North	830	815	553	-	7	36	-	2	3	28	4	-	-	8	5	1	1	-	39	1	90	37
Ayrshire South	312	310	199	-	7	2	-	-	1	10	-	1	1	10	5	1	2	-	16	-	43	12
Borders	68	63	23	-	1	3	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	20	1	1	-
Clackmannanshire	45	38	19	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	-
Dumfries & Galloway	243	233	216	-	-	1	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	4	-	1	1
Dunbartonshire East	82	70	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	5	-	2	-
Dunbartonshire West	303	277	212	1	3	-	-	-	-	18	-	2	-	5	3	-	-	-	27	-	6	-
Dundee City	228	203	48	7	34	49	-	-	1	15	-	-	-	7	2	1	2	-	25	1	8	3
Edinburgh City	1 348	1 100	574	1	82	123	-	-	3	94	6	2	-	17	11	10	12	1	133	4	24	3
Falkirk	164	142	111	1	2	4	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	10	-	5	1
Fife	806	751	534	3	10	14	-	2	3	46	-	1	-	19	5	2	5	-	84	5	15	3
Glasgow City	2 923	2 508	1 965	3	38	24	-	2	7	140	12	14	-	29	70	13	12	-	118	4	54	3
Highland	178	169	120	-	1	2	-	-	1	9	-	1	-	5	1	-	1	-	24	-	4	-
Inverclyde	378	347	291	-	2	4	-	-	2	18	2	-	-	6	-	-	2	-	18	1	1	-
Lanarkshire North	202	191	138	-	3	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	2	9	-	-	-	21	-	8	-
Lanarkshire South	283	254	190	-	2	4	1	-	-	15	-	1	-	4	10	-	2	-	22	1	2	-
Lothian East	244	219	153	-	8	9	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	5	3	1	-	-	26	-	3	-
Lothian West	313	284	165	-	5	11	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	9	6	1	6	-	41	6	14	2
Midlothian	213	197	132	-	8	7	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	7	1	-	2	-	29	1	1	1
Moray	56	54	39	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	6	1	1	-
Perth & Kinross	121	113	67	-	10	9	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	17	-	-	1
Renfrewshire	406	369	285	-	1	11	-	-	-	22	1	-	-	10	6	2	2	-	21	2	5	1
Renfrewshire East	87	85	52	-	2	2	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	1
Stirling	100	84	63	-	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	10	1	-	-
Island Councils ⁵	36	32	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	-

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 An illicit drug is any drug that has not been prescribed for the user. This includes illegal drugs, volatile substances, inappropriate use of over the counter medicines and alcohol.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 At least one drug has been reported in the illicit drug profile.

7 From April 2001, alcohol can be reported as the main drug if a) other illicit drugs are recorded or b) prescribed drugs relating to the individuals previous illicit drug use are recorded within the prescription profile.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

Table B1.12 : Reports of heroin use^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03

percentage of individuals reporting use of heroin ; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^f	1999/00 ^f	2000/01 ^f	2001/02 ^f	2002/03	1998/99 ^f	1999/00 ^f	2000/01 ^f	2001/02 ^f	2002/03
	<i>percentage</i>					Individuals reporting illicit drug use ^b (=100%)				
Scotland³	69	71	78	77	76	7 957	9 210	9 477	10 544	10 311
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	78	81	84	82	81	1 289	1 108	1 225	1 124	1 088
Ayrshire & Arran ³	77	76	84	76	72	126	1 049	1 139	1 870	1 634
Borders	16	42	48	43	44	74	69	97	110	63
Dumfries & Galloway	99	96	98	91	96	216	189	200	245	233
Fife	73	69	73	70	75	363	389	566	569	751
Forth Valley	74	82	88	76	78	304	234	217	259	264
Grampian	88	81	87	88	86	774	670	594	631	889
Greater Glasgow	84	84	86	84	83	2 476	2 801	2 919	2 893	2 760
Highland	62	59	69	67	73	68	107	113	163	169
Lanarkshire	74	77	84	84	77	393	484	469	507	356
Lothian	36	46	59	70	66	1 433	1 656	1 628	1 869	1 781
Tayside	24	26	32	51	53	459	478	349	320	355
Island Boards ⁴	21	24	40	72	72	24	25	20	46	32
Outside Scotland	50	57	100	50	-	2	7	3	2	-
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	91	87	90	88	86	554	414	334	303	521
Aberdeenshire	86	79	87	90	87	168	192	196	270	319
Angus	35	35	26	60	64	68	60	47	42	39
Argyll & Bute	81	87	82	89	64	27	46	56	107	119
Ayrshire East ³	75	77	83	78	77	52	354	430	586	525
Ayrshire North ³	64	71	83	76	71	28	518	484	901	815
Ayrshire South ³	87	85	86	72	68	46	190	243	408	310
Borders	16	42	48	43	44	74	69	97	110	63
Clackmannanshire	64	75	86	72	55	58	44	44	50	38
Dumfries & Galloway	99	96	98	91	96	216	189	200	245	233
Dunbartonshire East	82	94	94	82	80	56	112	108	93	70
Dunbartonshire West	81	78	81	82	81	329	278	271	240	277
Dundee City	15	16	26	41	42	324	313	231	175	203
Edinburgh City	34	43	54	68	63	1 013	1 167	1 138	1 294	1 100
Falkirk	76	83	89	83	84	156	111	92	119	142
Fife	73	69	73	70	75	363	389	566	569	751
Glasgow City	84	83	86	84	83	2 247	2 493	2 596	2 586	2 508
Highland	62	59	69	67	73	68	107	113	163	169
Inverclyde	90	94	88	87	86	383	368	432	373	347
Lanarkshire North	71	69	81	85	74	285	318	302	347	191
Lanarkshire South	87	90	88	82	79	201	275	302	271	254
Lothian East	33	55	77	79	79	114	136	162	184	219
Lothian West	46	49	62	65	63	197	231	200	205	284
Midlothian	45	58	73	83	76	125	133	135	200	197
Moray	61	46	74	79	74	54	65	65	62	54
Perth & Kinross	60	51	55	65	68	70	105	71	104	113
Renfrewshire	68	73	82	77	82	552	452	463	425	369
Refrewshire East	72	73	83	76	66	92	71	109	87	85
Stirling	78	86	87	69	79	90	79	82	90	84
Island Councils ⁵	21	24	40	72	72	24	25	20	46	32
Outside Scotland	50	57	100	50	-	2	7	3	2	-

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure

3 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SDMD in 1999/00.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 At least one drug has been reported in the illicit drug profile.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

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Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.13 : Drugs used in combination with opiates^{1,2,3} : year ending 31 March 2003

number of individuals reporting using each drug of misuse; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	New individual patients/clients number	Individuals reporting illicit opiate use ⁶ number (=100%)	Other drugs reported ⁷ :													
			Diazepam	Temazepam	Other Benzodiazepines	Other Sedatives	Amphetamines	Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Ecstasy	Hallucinogens	Cannabis	Solvents	Alcohol	Other Drugs	
			percentage													
Scotland	11 472	8 377	39	4	2	1	2	6	3	2	0	23	0	5	0	
<i>by NHS board</i>																
Argyll & Clyde	1 196	901	39	5	2	0	2	4	2	3	0	22	-	5	0	
Ayrshire & Arran	1 652	1 263	28	3	0	1	3	1	3	1	0	13	-	6	0	
Borders	68	33	48	12	6	3	3	3	6	9	-	36	-	6	-	
Dumfries & Galloway	243	224	22	1	6	3	3	3	4	3	-	23	-	5	-	
Fife	806	597	39	2	5	2	4	3	1	1	0	32	0	4	1	
Forth Valley	309	219	55	2	1	-	2	1	1	4	-	18	-	5	1	
Grampian	978	783	25	2	4	2	3	7	13	4	0	31	0	3	0	
Greater Glasgow	3 216	2 335	43	5	3	-	1	13	1	1	0	15	-	6	0	
Highland	178	129	36	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	-	39	-	5	-	
Lanarkshire	378	280	24	3	3	0	0	12	0	2	0	24	-	5	0	
Lothian	2 093	1 360	48	5	1	0	3	3	5	3	0	36	0	5	1	
Tayside	401	282	50	9	1	0	5	4	1	5	-	32	1	4	2	
Island Boards ⁴	36	24	50	4	13	4	17	8	8	13	-	67	-	8	-	
<i>by council area</i>																
Aberdeen City	582	460	29	2	1	2	2	8	16	2	0	28	0	2	0	
Aberdeenshire	345	286	16	2	8	0	4	6	8	6	-	35	0	3	-	
Angus	52	32	50	13	3	-	9	3	-	3	-	34	-	3	3	
Argyll & Bute	146	81	44	5	5	-	4	10	4	4	-	32	-	16	-	
Ayrshire East	526	428	31	2	1	1	5	1	3	2	-	13	-	7	-	
Ayrshire North	830	632	28	3	-	1	2	1	3	1	0	14	-	7	0	
Ayrshire South	312	219	23	2	-	1	2	1	3	1	-	6	-	5	-	
Borders	68	33	48	12	6	3	3	3	6	9	-	36	-	6	-	
Clackmannanshire	45	28	61	-	4	-	-	-	7	7	-	18	-	11	7	
Dumfries & Galloway	243	224	22	1	6	3	3	3	4	3	-	23	-	5	-	
Dunbartonshire East	82	56	39	-	-	-	-	11	2	2	-	25	-	7	-	
Dunbartonshire West	303	228	46	7	1	-	3	1	2	3	-	35	-	8	-	
Dundee City	228	163	57	12	-	1	6	5	2	6	-	36	2	4	1	
Edinburgh City	1 348	847	48	6	1	0	3	3	5	3	0	31	0	5	1	
Falkirk	164	124	52	2	-	-	1	2	1	2	-	16	-	4	-	
Fife	806	597	39	2	5	2	4	3	1	1	0	32	0	4	1	
Glasgow City	2 923	2 143	43	6	3	-	1	13	1	1	0	14	-	6	0	
Highland	178	129	36	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	-	39	-	5	-	
Inverclyde	378	302	36	10	2	-	1	1	2	3	0	19	-	2	0	
Lanarkshire North	202	146	18	3	3	-	2	12	-	1	-	26	-	8	1	
Lanarkshire South	283	205	34	3	3	0	0	13	0	2	0	20	-	3	-	
Lothian East	244	182	49	4	3	-	4	3	5	5	-	46	-	4	1	
Lothian West	313	191	42	4	1	-	2	3	4	1	-	36	1	5	2	
Midlothian	213	157	51	3	3	-	2	3	3	4	-	52	1	3	1	
Moray	56	42	38	2	2	-	10	14	7	10	-	36	-	7	-	
Perth & Kinross	121	87	37	1	2	-	2	3	-	3	-	22	-	3	2	
Renfrewshire	406	311	35	0	2	0	1	6	2	1	-	14	-	4	0	
Renfrewshire East	87	60	35	-	-	-	2	5	3	-	-	23	-	3	-	
Stirling	100	67	58	1	1	-	6	-	-	4	-	21	-	3	-	
Island Councils ⁵	36	24	50	4	13	4	17	8	8	13	-	67	-	8	-	

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2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 An illicit drug is any drug that has not been prescribed for the user. This includes illegal drugs, volatile substances, inappropriate use of over the counter medicines and alcohol.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 At least one opiate has been reported in the illicit drug profile.

7 Individuals may report more than one 'other' drug.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

-(zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.14 : Age when first started using illicit drugs^{1,2,3} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	percentage								
Scotland	39	43	10	5	2	1	1	9 006	2 466
<i>by NHS board</i>									
Argyll & Clyde	35	44	12	6	3	1	0	1 071	125
Ayrshire & Arran	44	43	8	5	1	-	0	277	1 375
Borders	43	40	15	-	-	-	2	47	21
Dumfries & Galloway	46	40	6	3	2	3	0	239	4
Fife	49	39	7	3	1	0	0	724	82
Forth Valley	55	31	7	2	2	1	1	235	74
Grampian	40	49	7	2	2	0	-	885	93
Greater Glasgow	39	42	10	5	2	1	1	2 959	257
Highland	32	53	10	4	2	-	-	168	10
Lanarkshire	31	41	12	8	4	1	1	357	21
Lothian	37	42	12	5	2	1	1	1 719	374
Tayside	39	47	8	4	1	1	0	371	30
Island Boards ⁴	43	43	11	4	-	-	-	28	8
<i>by council area</i>									
Aberdeen City	38	50	7	3	2	1	-	532	50
Aberdeenshire	45	48	4	2	1	-	-	307	38
Angus	42	48	2	4	-	4	-	48	4
Argyll & Bute	41	47	8	3	2	-	-	119	27
Ayrshire East	42	35	14	5	4	-	-	57	469
Ayrshire North	31	55	7	7	-	-	1	157	673
Ayrshire South	75	20	5	-	-	-	-	65	247
Borders	43	40	15	-	-	-	2	47	21
Clackmannanshire	47	41	6	3	3	-	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	46	40	6	3	2	3	0	239	4
Dunbartonshire East	35	42	10	8	1	3	1	77	5
Dunbartonshire West	41	40	10	6	1	1	0	272	31
Dundee City	41	47	7	4	0	1	-	206	22
Edinburgh City	34	42	13	6	2	1	1	1 103	245
Falkirk	55	31	8	2	2	2	-	121	43
Fife	49	39	7	3	1	0	0	724	82
Glasgow City	38	42	10	5	2	1	1	2 704	219
Highland	32	53	10	4	2	-	-	168	10
Inverclyde	29	47	13	6	3	1	1	364	14
Lanarkshire North	31	39	14	10	3	2	1	189	13
Lanarkshire South	34	40	12	7	5	1	2	265	18
Lothian East	35	43	9	5	5	2	1	192	52
Lothian West	42	43	8	4	2	1	-	253	60
Midlothian	43	42	9	3	2	-	-	191	22
Moray	41	41	18	-	-	-	-	51	5
Perth & Kinross	34	46	13	4	1	1	1	117	4
Renfrewshire	35	44	12	6	3	1	-	349	57
Renfrewshire East	49	36	9	1	1	1	1	67	20
Stirling	60	26	6	1	1	1	4	80	20
Island Councils ⁵	43	43	11	4	-	-	-	28	8

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Includes illicit drugs, volatile substances, inappropriate use of over the counter medicines. Excludes alcohol and tobacco.

4 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

|| Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.15 : Age at onset of problem drug use^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>								
Scotland	7	44	27	13	6	2	1	9 632	1 840
<i>by NHS board</i>									
Argyll & Clyde	6	46	25	14	6	2	1	1 055	141
Ayrshire & Arran	11	41	22	14	7	3	2	999	653
Borders	6	42	29	15	4	-	4	48	20
Dumfries & Galloway	5	50	26	8	6	4	1	238	5
Fife	9	45	23	13	5	2	2	718	88
Forth Valley	8	47	22	11	6	3	3	229	80
Grampian	5	48	31	11	4	1	0	869	109
Greater Glasgow	5	43	29	14	6	2	1	2 947	269
Highland	4	36	32	16	10	1	1	165	13
Lanarkshire	7	38	28	17	7	3	2	353	25
Lothian	8	43	26	13	6	3	1	1 687	406
Tayside	5	45	29	12	4	2	2	368	33
Island Boards ³	4	43	25	7	18	-	4	28	8
<i>by council area</i>									
Aberdeen City	4	53	28	9	4	1	0	523	59
Aberdeenshire	6	40	36	14	3	1	0	301	44
Angus	6	38	30	11	6	2	6	47	5
Argyll & Bute	6	53	18	12	7	3	1	109	37
Ayrshire East	7	42	24	13	8	5	1	274	252
Ayrshire North	12	41	22	14	6	3	2	528	302
Ayrshire South	13	41	20	14	9	2	2	204	108
Borders	6	42	29	15	4	-	4	48	20
Clackmannanshire	6	53	24	6	12	-	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	5	50	26	8	6	4	1	238	5
Dunbartonshire East	1	42	26	19	6	3	3	78	4
Dunbartonshire West	5	43	26	18	5	2	1	278	25
Dundee City	5	48	27	13	4	1	1	204	24
Edinburgh City	9	41	28	13	5	3	2	1 073	275
Falkirk	6	45	24	12	6	5	2	119	45
Fife	9	45	23	13	5	2	2	718	88
Glasgow City	5	43	29	13	6	2	1	2 687	236
Highland	4	36	32	16	10	1	1	165	13
Inverclyde	7	47	25	12	5	3	1	361	17
Lanarkshire North	3	32	35	16	8	4	2	186	16
Lanarkshire South	9	41	23	17	6	2	2	263	20
Lothian East	6	47	21	15	5	4	2	191	53
Lothian West	8	44	23	12	9	3	1	251	62
Midlothian	6	48	24	15	5	2	-	190	23
Moray	6	36	30	20	4	4	-	50	6
Perth & Kinross	4	43	32	11	4	3	3	117	4
Renfrewshire	6	43	29	14	5	1	1	346	60
Renfrewshire East	3	47	30	11	6	2	2	66	21
Stirling	13	47	17	12	3	1	7	76	24
Island Councils ⁴	4	43	25	7	18	-	4	28	8

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.16 : Age when help first sought^{1,2,3} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Under 15 years	15-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	percentage								
Scotland	1	25	35	21	11	5	3	9 562	1 910
<i>by NHS board</i>									
Argyll & Clyde	1	29	33	21	10	4	3	1 058	138
Ayrshire & Arran	1	23	30	21	13	8	4	1 003	649
Borders	2	40	30	15	6	2	4	47	21
Dumfries & Galloway	0	22	47	16	8	5	1	237	6
Fife	4	26	36	19	9	4	4	703	103
Forth Valley	4	26	34	18	10	5	4	232	77
Grampian	1	33	39	15	7	3	1	865	113
Greater Glasgow	1	20	34	26	12	5	3	2 913	303
Highland	1	16	38	24	12	6	2	164	14
Lanarkshire	1	24	31	22	15	5	2	349	29
Lothian	3	26	33	20	11	5	2	1 667	426
Tayside	2	29	38	16	9	3	3	367	34
Island Boards ⁴	-	17	50	13	10	3	7	30	6
<i>by council area</i>									
Aberdeen City	1	36	39	12	8	3	0	516	66
Aberdeenshire	2	28	43	19	5	3	1	301	44
Angus	2	17	41	17	11	4	7	46	6
Argyll & Bute	-	31	32	18	9	6	4	116	30
Ayrshire East	1	22	31	23	12	6	5	264	262
Ayrshire North	1	23	32	21	12	8	3	546	284
Ayrshire South	0	24	27	21	16	7	4	201	111
Borders	2	40	30	15	6	2	4	47	21
Clackmannanshire	-	9	56	21	12	3	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	0	22	47	16	8	5	1	237	6
Dunbartonshire East	-	17	39	26	8	5	5	77	5
Dunbartonshire West	1	30	23	28	10	6	1	270	33
Dundee City	2	34	34	16	9	3	2	204	24
Edinburgh City	3	25	34	21	11	5	2	1 057	291
Falkirk	3	28	28	18	14	7	3	120	44
Fife	4	26	36	19	9	4	4	703	103
Glasgow City	1	20	34	26	12	5	2	2 660	263
Highland	1	16	38	24	12	6	2	164	14
Inverclyde	1	32	32	18	9	4	4	361	17
Lanarkshire North	1	17	34	23	14	9	2	184	18
Lanarkshire South	0	26	30	24	13	3	3	260	23
Lothian East	1	30	36	18	9	4	4	188	56
Lothian West	4	25	33	17	12	7	2	251	62
Midlothian	1	30	33	22	11	3	-	189	24
Moray	-	25	26	28	11	8	2	53	3
Perth & Kinross	1	23	44	17	9	3	3	117	4
Renfrewshire	1	24	39	21	10	3	1	345	61
Renfrewshire East	-	12	50	21	12	3	2	66	21
Stirling	8	31	32	15	4	3	8	78	22
Island Councils ⁵	-	17	50	13	10	3	7	30	6

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.17 : Time^{1,2} from first used illicit drugs³ until onset of problem drug use : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 6 years	7 - 8 years	9 - 10 years	11-14 years	15 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>									
Scotland	16	28	20	13	8	6	5	3	8 829	2 643
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	18	35	19	9	7	4	5	3	1 046	150
Ayrshire & Arran	14	32	19	12	9	7	4	3	275	1 377
Borders	15	22	26	11	9	9	4	4	46	22
Dumfries & Galloway	10	29	20	19	11	4	4	3	238	5
Fife	14	22	20	15	9	8	6	6	714	92
Forth Valley	9	30	18	15	11	5	8	4	228	81
Grampian	11	25	23	16	11	6	6	3	868	110
Greater Glasgow	16	29	19	13	8	6	6	3	2 924	292
Highland	13	16	18	18	13	11	8	3	165	13
Lanarkshire	22	30	18	9	8	6	4	4	351	27
Lothian	23	27	19	12	5	6	5	3	1 651	442
Tayside	10	29	26	13	8	4	6	5	366	35
Island Boards ⁴	11	21	21	11	14	4	4	14	28	8
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	14	29	23	14	9	5	4	2	523	59
Aberdeenshire	5	21	23	19	14	7	8	3	300	45
Angus	7	24	28	17	4	2	9	9	46	6
Argyll & Bute	13	29	25	10	7	4	8	5	105	41
Ayrshire East	13	29	29	9	9	5	4	4	56	470
Ayrshire North	20	32	14	15	8	8	3	1	157	673
Ayrshire South	2	31	25	11	13	6	6	6	64	248
Borders	15	22	26	11	9	9	4	4	46	22
Clackmannanshire	9	18	26	15	15	6	12	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	10	29	20	19	11	4	4	3	238	5
Dunbartonshire East	10	30	17	17	12	9	4	1	77	5
Dunbartonshire West	18	26	19	12	7	6	9	3	270	33
Dundee City	13	27	24	12	9	5	7	2	203	25
Edinburgh City	27	28	17	10	5	6	4	3	1 048	300
Falkirk	9	31	19	15	9	3	8	5	118	46
Fife	14	22	20	15	9	8	6	6	714	92
Glasgow City	16	29	19	13	8	6	6	3	2 672	251
Highland	13	16	18	18	13	11	8	3	165	13
Inverclyde	23	39	16	7	4	5	3	3	360	18
Lanarkshire North	21	26	17	10	9	7	4	6	185	17
Lanarkshire South	23	29	21	9	8	5	4	1	262	21
Lothian East	20	30	20	13	5	2	7	3	189	55
Lothian West	16	21	22	16	7	6	7	5	243	70
Midlothian	14	23	25	15	4	11	6	1	189	24
Moray	14	18	16	16	10	6	12	8	50	6
Perth & Kinross	6	33	28	15	7	2	3	7	117	4
Renfrewshire	12	36	22	12	9	3	6	1	343	63
Renfrewshire East	6	24	23	14	17	14	2	2	66	21
Stirling	8	36	14	14	11	8	5	4	76	24
Island Councils ⁵	11	21	21	11	14	4	4	14	28	8

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.18 : Time^{1,2} from first used illicit drugs³ until help was first sought⁴ : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 6 years	7 - 8 years	9 - 10 years	11-14 years	15 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>									
Scotland	4	16	17	16	14	10	13	10	8 731	2 741
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	4	20	21	14	13	8	11	9	1 049	147
Ayrshire & Arran	0	14	19	14	14	13	14	11	271	1 381
Borders	9	11	18	22	16	4	16	4	45	23
Dumfries & Galloway	1	13	20	21	16	11	11	8	237	6
Fife	5	12	13	18	13	12	14	13	698	108
Forth Valley	1	13	13	19	16	13	13	11	230	79
Grampian	4	15	19	19	16	10	11	6	861	117
Greater Glasgow	3	13	16	15	14	10	16	13	2 891	325
Highland	2	10	8	17	21	12	20	10	164	14
Lanarkshire	3	23	18	17	11	8	11	9	347	31
Lothian	7	20	16	15	13	10	12	9	1 618	475
Tayside	3	17	23	15	14	8	10	10	363	38
Island Boards ⁵	-	11	18	21	7	18	11	14	28	8
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	5	18	22	17	15	9	8	6	516	66
Aberdeenshire	3	11	15	20	17	13	14	6	299	46
Angus	-	13	18	11	18	9	16	16	45	7
Argyll & Bute	4	12	17	19	11	11	12	16	113	33
Ayrshire East	-	11	27	22	11	9	13	7	55	471
Ayrshire North	1	20	17	13	14	15	15	6	155	675
Ayrshire South	-	2	14	13	17	13	14	27	63	249
Borders	9	11	18	22	16	4	16	4	45	23
Clackmannanshire	-	6	6	15	21	21	32	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	1	13	20	21	16	11	11	8	237	6
Dunbartonshire East	4	14	16	18	16	11	14	7	76	6
Dunbartonshire West	4	20	19	9	12	7	17	13	265	38
Dundee City	3	18	22	17	11	8	10	9	201	27
Edinburgh City	8	21	16	14	12	10	12	8	1 025	323
Falkirk	2	13	14	19	15	9	11	16	118	46
Fife	5	12	13	18	13	12	14	13	698	108
Glasgow City	3	13	17	15	13	10	16	13	2 644	279
Highland	2	10	8	17	21	12	20	10	164	14
Inverclyde	5	26	21	14	10	8	8	8	360	18
Lanarkshire North	3	20	19	16	14	7	9	13	183	19
Lanarkshire South	2	21	17	17	14	10	14	5	259	24
Lothian East	8	20	16	17	15	9	10	5	184	60
Lothian West	3	19	13	15	14	9	15	12	241	72
Midlothian	4	15	17	12	15	15	12	10	186	27
Moray	2	10	8	22	16	8	18	18	51	5
Perth & Kinross	3	16	25	15	17	8	7	10	117	4
Renfrewshire	3	16	24	15	16	9	11	8	340	66
Renfrewshire East	3	12	3	23	18	15	18	8	66	21
Stirling	1	17	13	19	15	17	9	9	78	22
Island Councils ⁶	-	11	18	21	7	18	11	14	28	8

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.19 : Time^{1,2} from onset of problem drug use until help was first sought³ : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 6 years	7 - 8 years	9 - 10 years	11-14 years	15 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>									
Scotland	26	33	18	9	5	3	3	3	9 327	2 145
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	26	34	20	8	4	3	3	2	1 036	160
Ayrshire & Arran	16	34	22	10	5	5	4	5	969	683
Borders	28	33	26	11	2	-	-	-	46	22
Dumfries & Galloway	22	44	19	6	4	3	2	0	236	7
Fife	27	35	17	8	4	4	2	3	695	111
Forth Valley	21	34	21	10	6	5	2	1	226	83
Grampian	36	35	16	6	3	1	1	1	838	140
Greater Glasgow	21	31	18	11	7	4	5	3	2 856	360
Highland	28	32	13	15	6	1	3	1	162	16
Lanarkshire	26	40	15	9	4	2	2	2	346	32
Lothian	33	32	14	9	5	3	3	2	1 602	491
Tayside	30	37	17	8	4	1	2	1	358	43
Island Boards ⁴	11	52	19	15	4	-	-	-	27	9
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	33	38	16	7	3	1	2	1	501	81
Aberdeenshire	40	32	17	5	4	0	1	0	292	53
Angus	30	30	15	11	9	-	2	2	46	6
Argyll & Bute	23	26	32	4	5	4	3	4	105	41
Ayrshire East	19	34	27	8	4	3	3	3	261	265
Ayrshire North	15	35	20	10	6	6	3	5	518	312
Ayrshire South	13	34	18	12	5	5	5	8	197	115
Borders	28	33	26	11	2	-	-	-	46	22
Clackmannanshire	9	35	24	12	15	6	-	-	34	11
Dumfries & Galloway	22	44	19	6	4	3	2	0	236	7
Dunbartonshire East	33	25	21	11	1	7	-	1	75	7
Dunbartonshire West	27	32	21	6	3	5	5	2	266	37
Dundee City	32	36	17	7	4	1	3	2	195	33
Edinburgh City	32	30	14	10	5	3	3	2	1 008	340
Falkirk	22	33	19	9	7	5	3	2	117	47
Fife	27	35	17	8	4	4	2	3	695	111
Glasgow City	21	32	18	11	7	4	5	3	2 609	314
Highland	28	32	13	15	6	1	3	1	162	16
Inverclyde	28	33	18	9	5	2	2	2	358	20
Lanarkshire North	28	41	15	5	3	2	2	3	183	19
Lanarkshire South	23	34	17	13	6	4	2	2	256	27
Lothian East	33	37	17	5	4	2	2	1	183	61
Lothian West	33	36	12	8	4	4	1	2	243	70
Midlothian	33	32	16	7	6	2	5	1	186	27
Moray	42	26	8	8	4	4	4	4	50	6
Perth & Kinross	26	41	17	9	3	2	2	1	117	4
Renfrewshire	25	36	21	8	4	2	3	1	340	66
Renfrewshire East	12	45	18	14	5	2	5	-	65	22
Stirling	25	33	23	9	1	4	3	1	75	25
Island Councils ⁵	11	52	19	15	4	-	-	-	27	9

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.20 : Injecting^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Injected in previous month	Injected in past- but not in previous month	Has never injected	Information available (=100%)	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>			<i>number</i>	
Scotland	42	23	36	10 424	1 048
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	38	23	39	1 137	59
Ayrshire & Arran	50	12	39	1 071	581
Borders	23	31	46	65	3
Dumfries & Galloway	80	12	8	241	2
Fife	48	16	36	766	40
Forth Valley	51	21	28	285	24
Grampian	54	23	23	914	64
Greater Glasgow	44	29	26	3 084	132
Highland	41	23	36	176	2
Lanarkshire	47	18	36	367	11
Lothian	25	24	51	1 980	113
Tayside	24	22	54	380	21
Island Boards ³	26	26	47	34	2
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	56	28	17	545	37
Aberdeenshire	54	16	31	320	25
Angus	23	31	46	52	-
Argyll & Bute	34	21	44	126	20
Ayrshire East	52	12	36	283	243
Ayrshire North	47	13	39	585	245
Ayrshire South	54	8	39	212	100
Borders	23	31	46	65	3
Clackmannanshire	35	28	38	40	5
Dumfries & Galloway	80	12	8	241	2
Dunbartonshire East	22	23	56	79	3
Dunbartonshire West	45	24	30	290	13
Dundee City	13	27	60	213	15
Edinburgh City	23	27	51	1 262	86
Falkirk	52	23	25	154	10
Fife	48	16	36	766	40
Glasgow City	45	30	24	2 804	119
Highland	41	23	36	176	2
Inverclyde	48	23	29	368	10
Lanarkshire North	48	17	35	193	9
Lanarkshire South	44	20	36	276	7
Lothian East	24	17	59	235	9
Lothian West	26	23	51	307	6
Midlothian	37	19	44	199	14
Moray	43	17	40	53	3
Perth & Kinross	44	10	46	115	6
Renfrewshire	26	24	50	388	18
Renfrewshire East	22	13	65	83	4
Stirling	55	15	30	91	9
Island Councils ⁴	26	26	47	34	2

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.21 : Current injecting^{1,2}: 1998/99 - 2002/03percentage of individuals reporting injecting in the past month ; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
	percentage					Information available (=100%)				
Scotland³	39	40	39	38	42	8 795	9 826	10 206	10 452	10 424
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	36	41	40	35	38	1 356	1 164	1 275	1 162	1 137
Ayrshire & Arran ³	48	41	43	39	50	139	847	1 154	1 155	1 071
Borders	14	23	37	26	23	77	77	102	111	65
Dumfries & Galloway	66	75	77	70	80	217	191	203	250	241
Fife	44	40	38	36	48	378	411	596	598	766
Forth Valley	50	58	61	46	51	325	254	239	278	285
Grampian	69	60	53	49	54	807	697	622	666	914
Greater Glasgow	47	47	45	44	44	2 784	3 178	3 188	3 217	3 084
Highland	32	41	37	41	41	73	114	122	170	176
Lanarkshire	43	47	43	43	47	413	526	499	525	367
Lothian	14	18	17	23	25	1 710	1 888	1 862	2 014	1 980
Tayside	19	20	15	22	24	538	515	393	330	380
Island Boards ⁴	23	25	44	28	26	26	24	18	43	34
Outside Scotland	-	67	33	-	n/a	1	6	3	2	-
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	73	66	57	53	56	577	428	352	325	545
Aberdeenshire	63	55	52	48	54	168	198	202	282	320
Angus	30	25	13	33	23	74	64	54	43	52
Argyll & Bute	45	57	54	37	34	29	46	57	110	126
Ayrshire East ³	37	46	48	41	52	60	299	437	335	283
Ayrshire North ³	34	32	36	34	47	29	389	492	557	585
Ayrshire South ³	70	55	51	48	54	50	167	244	282	212
Borders	14	23	37	26	23	77	77	102	111	65
Clackmannanshire	48	48	50	37	35	63	44	48	54	40
Dumfries & Galloway	66	75	77	70	80	217	191	203	250	241
Dunbartonshire East	36	48	40	47	22	58	130	121	83	79
Dunbartonshire West	45	44	42	39	45	356	303	293	253	290
Dundee City	16	15	12	14	13	385	335	260	185	213
Edinburgh City	15	18	19	23	23	1 239	1 353	1 315	1 424	1 262
Falkirk	45	54	68	53	52	168	125	97	128	154
Fife	44	40	38	36	48	378	411	596	598	766
Glasgow City	48	47	46	44	45	2 528	2 832	2 843	2 909	2 804
Highland	32	41	37	41	41	73	114	122	170	176
Inverclyde	51	62	55	48	48	385	377	452	400	368
Lanarkshire North	42	41	42	46	48	301	356	331	369	193
Lanarkshire South	44	54	44	37	44	217	296	306	280	276
Lothian East	16	19	14	27	24	121	153	177	185	235
Lothian West	14	15	17	19	26	216	247	223	216	307
Midlothian	5	16	14	26	37	153	151	156	205	199
Moray	41	31	38	31	43	64	72	69	64	53
Perth & Kinross	24	29	27	34	44	82	116	79	103	115
Renfrewshire	21	24	27	21	26	602	470	471	419	388
Refrewshire East	22	23	29	27	22	94	81	117	89	83
Stirling	60	69	60	43	55	94	85	95	96	91
Island Councils ⁵	23	25	44	28	26	26	24	18	43	34
Outside Scotland	-	67	33	-	n/a	1	6	3	2	-

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Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.22 : Injecting^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03percentage of individuals by injecting status and age group
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
All ages (Total)	9 128	10 440	10 575	11 648	11 472
Information available (=100%)	8 795	9 826	10 206	10 452	10 424
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	39	40	39	38	42
Injected in past - but not in previous month	18	20	20	21	23
Has never injected	43	40	41	41	36
Under 20 (Total)	1 312	1 391	1 243	1 270	1 059
Information available (=100%)	1 279	1 296	1 207	1 130	955
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	35	33	28	25	30
Injected in past - but not in previous month	9	10	11	9	10
Has never injected	55	57	61	66	61
20 - 24 years (Total)	2 776	3 007	2 894	3 043	2 955
Information available (=100%)	2 684	2 853	2 801	2 721	2 672
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	39	43	40	40	46
Injected in past - but not in previous month	16	17	20	18	20
Has never injected	45	40	40	42	34
25 - 29 years (Total)	2 429	2 892	2 995	3 226	3 127
Information available (=100%)	2 337	2 721	2 881	2 889	2 887
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	43	43	41	42	44
Injected in past - but not in previous month	20	20	21	21	24
Has never injected	37	37	38	37	32
30 - 34 years (Total)	1 586	1 845	1 965	2 221	2 318
Information available (=100%)	1 528	1 729	1 908	2 015	2 099
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	40	40	42	40	42
Injected in past - but not in previous month	25	28	25	26	27
Has never injected	35	32	33	34	31
35 - 39 years (Total)	618	819	946	1 212	1 278
Information available (=100%)	581	772	898	1 090	1 162
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	39	35	40	37	39
Injected in past - but not in previous month	23	27	23	28	28
Has never injected	38	38	36	34	33
40 years and over (Total)	407	486	532	676	735
Information available (=100%)	386	455	511	607	649
	<i>percentage</i>				
Injecting in previous month	26	25	30	27	31
Injected in past - but not in previous month	25	22	25	26	27
Has never injected	50	54	46	47	42

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.23 : Age when first injected^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

individuals reported to have injected in past month; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Under 15 years <i>percentage</i>	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 29 years	30 - 34 years	35 - 39 years	40 years and over	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable	Median age	Youngest	Oldest
Scotland	3	37	32	16	8	2	1	4 019	310	21	10	53
<i>by NHS board</i>												
Argyll & Clyde	2	33	33	18	10	2	1	401	29	22	12	42
Ayrshire & Arran	2	33	32	20	9	3	1	469	63	21	12	45
Borders	7	21	64	7	-	-	-	14	1	21	14	25
Dumfries & Galloway	5	40	30	14	5	6	1	188	4	20	14	42
Fife	3	36	35	15	7	2	2	345	19	21	12	52
Forth Valley	4	33	34	16	7	3	4	135	9	21	12	51
Grampian	5	47	28	12	6	2	0	451	44	19	12	44
Greater Glasgow	4	40	31	16	7	2	1	1 303	61	20	10	53
Highland	3	25	38	18	13	3	-	68	5	23	12	38
Lanarkshire	1	32	36	20	7	4	1	164	7	21	14	42
Lothian	3	33	34	18	9	3	0	425	63	21	12	46
Tayside	2	39	36	15	4	2	1	84	6	20	13	42
Island Boards ³	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	8	1	z	z	z
<i>by council area</i>												
Aberdeen City	5	54	24	8	8	1	-	276	27	19	13	38
Aberdeenshire	4	41	34	16	3	2	1	158	14	20	12	44
Angus	8	33	25	17	8	8	-	12	-	21	13	37
Argyll & Bute	3	50	24	18	5	-	-	38	5	19	14	31
Ayrshire East	4	38	29	18	6	3	2	136	12	20	12	43
Ayrshire North	0	29	38	20	10	1	0	231	46	22	14	41
Ayrshire South	6	35	22	19	9	6	2	108	6	22	12	45
Borders	7	21	64	7	-	-	-	14	1	21	14	25
Clackmannanshire	7	21	43	21	7	-	-	14	-	22	14	33
Dumfries & Galloway	5	40	30	14	5	6	1	188	4	20	14	42
Dunbartonshire East	-	44	31	6	13	6	-	16	1	21	15	35
Dunbartonshire West	3	31	23	25	13	3	2	122	9	23	12	40
Dundee City	-	38	38	21	4	-	-	24	3	21	15	30
Edinburgh City	3	37	31	19	7	2	0	243	43	21	12	40
Falkirk	6	35	29	15	8	4	3	72	8	21	12	51
Fife	3	36	35	15	7	2	2	345	19	21	12	52
Glasgow City	3	41	31	15	7	2	1	1 216	55	20	10	53
Highland	3	25	38	18	13	3	-	68	5	23	12	38
Inverclyde	1	34	33	18	8	4	2	168	9	21	12	42
Lanarkshire North	-	29	42	18	6	6	-	90	2	22	15	38
Lanarkshire South	3	38	31	18	6	2	1	115	6	20	13	42
Lothian East	4	28	38	17	11	2	-	47	10	21	14	38
Lothian West	3	30	34	18	9	5	1	74	5	21	14	46
Midlothian	-	26	39	21	12	2	-	66	7	22	15	35
Moray	5	15	35	30	10	5	-	20	3	24	14	37
Perth & Kinross	2	42	38	13	2	2	2	48	3	20	14	42
Renfrewshire	-	24	46	17	12	-	1	92	9	22	15	42
Renfrewshire East	6	12	53	24	6	-	-	17	1	23	13	33
Stirling	-	33	39	14	6	2	6	49	1	21	16	42
Island Councils ⁴	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	8	1	z	z	z

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- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

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z Not shown where information available <= 10.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.24 : Age when first injected^{1,2}: 1998/99 - 2002/03

percentage of individuals reported to have injected in past month by age first injected

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
New individual patients/clients	3 427	3 900	3 970	3 945	4 329
Information available (=100%)	2 867	3 216	3 396	3 597	4 019
	<i>percentage</i>				
Under 15 years	2	3	3	3	3
15-19 years	42	39	37	37	37
20-24 years	33	34	33	32	32
25-29 years	15	16	18	18	16
30-34 years	6	5	7	7	8
25-39 years	2	2	2	3	2
40 years and over	0	1	1	1	1
Median age	20	20	21	21	21
Youngest	10	12	10	10	10
Oldest	60	49	52	54	53

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database

Table B1.25 : Route of use of heroin^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

percentage of individuals reporting use of heroin by route of use; NHS board and council area (NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS)

	Inject ⁵ only <i>percentage</i>	Inject ⁵ and other route	No injecting	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	39	20	41	7 659	197
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	32	19	49	872	4
Ayrshire & Arran	46	18	36	1 011	170
Borders	25	29	46	28	-
Dumfries & Galloway	69	17	14	223	-
Fife	45	20	35	561	3
Forth Valley	61	12	27	203	3
Grampian	41	27	32	762	3
Greater Glasgow	44	16	40	2 277	4
Highland	40	20	40	124	-
Lanarkshire	39	24	37	274	-
Lothian	19	23	58	1 165	10
Tayside	17	30	53	187	-
Island Boards ³	27	14	59	22	1
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	50	21	29	448	2
Aberdeenshire	32	34	34	278	1
Angus	24	28	48	25	-
Argyll & Bute	39	20	41	76	-
Ayrshire East	48	18	34	322	83
Ayrshire North	41	20	39	513	69
Ayrshire South	59	13	28	188	22
Borders	25	29	46	28	-
Clackmannanshire	55	20	25	20	1
Dumfries & Galloway	69	17	14	223	-
Dunbartonshire East	16	18	65	55	1
Dunbartonshire West	40	20	40	225	-
Dundee City	13	15	72	85	-
Edinburgh City	23	20	58	682	8
Falkirk	57	13	30	117	2
Fife	45	20	35	561	3
Glasgow City	45	15	40	2 090	3
Highland	40	20	40	124	-
Inverclyde	37	24	39	297	-
Lanarkshire North	40	25	35	142	-
Lanarkshire South	38	24	39	200	-
Lothian East	11	23	65	171	2
Lothian West	18	27	55	178	1
Midlothian	16	33	51	149	-
Moray	18	40	43	40	-
Perth & Kinross	18	47	35	77	-
Renfrewshire	20	16	64	298	4
Renfrewshire East	23	13	64	56	-
Stirling	70	9	21	66	-
Island Councils ⁴	27	14	59	22	1

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4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.26 : Injecting heroin use^{1,2,3} 1998/99 - 2002/03percentage of individuals reporting use of heroin by injecting; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
	<i>percentage</i>					Information available (=100%)				
Scotland⁴	59	60	54	52	59	5 468	6 292	7 280	7 902	7 659
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	49	54	51	45	51	997	880	1 012	920	872
Ayrshire & Arran ⁴	65	55	52	50	64	97	614	946	1 189	1 011
Borders	67	68	83	51	54	12	28	47	47	28
Dumfries & Galloway	67	79	80	77	86	214	180	194	224	223
Fife	59	60	55	54	65	263	266	412	396	561
Forth Valley	70	75	78	69	73	223	189	189	196	203
Grampian	78	75	63	61	68	670	538	514	550	762
Greater Glasgow	63	63	57	59	60	2 061	2 327	2 482	2 408	2 277
Highland	52	74	56	61	60	42	62	77	109	124
Lanarkshire	62	66	54	54	63	291	370	393	424	274
Lothian	36	41	32	37	42	513	750	952	1 297	1 165
Tayside	46	56	42	42	47	112	123	108	163	187
Island Boards ⁵	60	17	75	36	41	5	6	8	33	22
Outside Scotland	-	100	33	-	-	-	3	3	1	-
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	82	77	65	66	71	496	358	299	262	448
Aberdeenshire	69	70	61	59	66	143	151	168	242	278
Angus	50	67	42	56	52	24	21	12	25	25
Argyll & Bute	62	65	70	46	59	21	40	44	95	76
Ayrshire East ⁴	54	62	58	58	66	39	219	356	384	322
Ayrshire North ⁴	50	45	43	41	61	18	263	399	574	513
Ayrshire South ⁴	83	65	58	62	72	40	139	207	252	188
Borders	67	68	83	51	54	12	28	47	47	28
Clackmannanshire	76	64	63	61	75	37	33	38	36	20
Dumfries & Galloway	67	79	80	77	86	214	180	194	224	223
Dunbartonshire East	49	59	47	62	35	43	105	101	76	55
Dunbartonshire West	60	61	57	52	60	264	217	219	197	225
Dundee City	44	47	33	30	28	48	49	58	71	85
Edinburgh City	42	45	37	38	42	339	500	615	869	682
Falkirk	62	74	83	71	70	117	90	81	98	117
Fife	59	60	55	54	65	263	266	412	396	561
Glasgow City	64	64	58	59	60	1 881	2 066	2 209	2 166	2 090
Highland	52	74	56	61	60	42	62	77	109	124
Inverclyde	61	68	66	59	61	344	342	378	323	297
Lanarkshire North	63	66	55	58	65	201	217	245	293	142
Lanarkshire South	58	64	51	48	61	173	245	261	221	200
Lothian East	30	33	20	38	35	37	73	123	144	171
Lothian West	31	32	31	33	45	90	108	122	131	178
Midlothian	14	30	23	35	49	56	77	97	165	149
Moray	58	67	56	43	58	33	30	48	49	40
Perth & Kinross	43	60	55	50	65	42	53	38	68	77
Renfrewshire	33	35	35	30	36	370	314	366	321	298
Refrewshire East	32	38	39	36	36	65	50	87	66	56
Stirling	80	82	80	69	79	69	66	71	62	66
Island Councils ⁶	60	17	75	36	41	5	6	8	33	22
Outside Scotland	-	100	33	-	-	-	3	3	1	-

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3 Includes cases with any mention of injecting reported.

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Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.27 : Route of use of heroin^{1,2}: 1998/99 - 2002/03
percentage of individuals reporting use of heroin by route of use
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
All Ages (Total)	5 520	6 537	7 347	8 167	7 856
Information available (=100%)	5 468	6 292	7 280	7 902	7 659
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	48	49	42	35	39
Inject ³ and other route	11	11	12	17	20
No injecting	41	40	46	48	41
Under 20 (Total)	823	856	795	774	577
Information available (=100%)	817	804	785	742	556
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	39	41	30	24	31
Inject ³ and other route	15	11	12	18	23
No injecting	46	48	57	58	46
20-24 years (Total)	1 845	2 073	2 207	2 384	2 232
Information available (=100%)	1 824	1 999	2 190	2 303	2 175
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	44	46	39	32	37
Inject ³ and other route	11	14	12	18	22
No injecting	45	40	49	50	41
25-29 years (Total)	1 507	1 934	2 136	2 411	2 242
Information available (=100%)	1 491	1 858	2 109	2 337	2 200
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	51	50	44	36	41
Inject ³ and other route	11	10	11	18	19
No injecting	37	40	45	45	40
30-34 years (Total)	902	1 071	1 316	1 503	1 565
Information available (=100%)	896	1 046	1 308	1 454	1 517
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	55	55	48	40	42
Inject ³ and other route	9	9	12	16	18
No injecting	36	35	40	44	40
35-39 years (Total)	314	437	614	768	825
Information available (=100%)	311	425	609	746	805
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	59	54	47	43	42
Inject ³ and other route	8	8	10	13	17
No injecting	32	39	43	44	41
40 years and over (Total)	129	166	279	327	415
Information available (=100%)	129	160	279	320	406
	<i>percentage</i>				
Inject ³ only	55	57	44	38	37
Inject ³ and other route	10	6	10	13	15
No injecting	35	37	46	49	49

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database

Table B1.28 : Sharing needles/syringes^{1,2}: year ending 31 March 2003

individuals reported to have injected in the past month; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Shared in previous month <i>percentage</i>	Shared in past- but not in previous month	Has never shared	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	32	26	42	3 287	1 042
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	36	24	40	362	68
Ayrshire & Arran	22	26	52	448	84
Borders	46	38	15	13	2
Dumfries & Galloway	30	32	38	152	40
Fife	27	18	56	272	92
Forth Valley	44	26	30	121	23
Grampian	38	22	40	338	157
Greater Glasgow	32	32	37	1 060	304
Highland	26	26	48	46	27
Lanarkshire	55	14	31	97	74
Lothian	32	18	50	340	148
Tayside	47	18	35	62	28
Island Boards ³	33	17	50	6	3
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	42	23	34	193	110
Aberdeenshire	30	19	51	134	38
Angus	33	17	50	6	6
Argyll & Bute	56	17	28	36	7
Ayrshire East	19	23	58	126	22
Ayrshire North	21	29	50	232	45
Ayrshire South	25	24	52	97	17
Borders	46	38	15	13	2
Clackmannanshire	36	18	45	11	3
Dumfries & Galloway	30	32	38	152	40
Dunbartonshire East	20	20	60	10	7
Dunbartonshire West	25	24	52	106	25
Dundee City	35	25	40	20	7
Edinburgh City	39	19	42	192	94
Falkirk	42	27	31	71	9
Fife	27	18	56	272	92
Glasgow City	32	33	36	998	273
Highland	26	26	48	46	27
Inverclyde	36	26	39	152	25
Lanarkshire North	48	21	31	52	40
Lanarkshire South	53	15	32	75	46
Lothian East	17	8	75	36	21
Lothian West	34	18	49	68	11
Midlothian	13	21	67	48	25
Moray	50	29	21	14	9
Perth & Kinross	56	14	31	36	15
Renfrewshire	39	23	38	84	17
Renfrewshire East	25	42	33	12	6
Stirling	49	28	23	39	11
Island Councils ⁴	33	17	50	6	3

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.29 : Current sharing of needles/syringes^{1,2}: 1998/99 - 2002/03

individuals reported to have injected in the past month; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^{6,r} percentage	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03	1998/99 ^{6,r} Information available (=100%)	1999/00 ^{6,r}	2000/01 ^{6,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
Scotland³	34	34	34	36	32	2 750	2 963	3 136	2 914	3 287
<i>by NHS board</i>										
Argyll & Clyde	32	40	34	40	36	354	349	349	299	362
Ayrshire & Arran ³	24	25	31	25	22	46	209	415	391	448
Borders	100	38	65	55	46	8	16	37	20	13
Dumfries & Galloway	42	38	34	41	30	109	102	112	117	152
Fife	45	29	28	33	27	145	129	194	163	272
Forth Valley	36	35	43	28	44	141	133	131	97	121
Grampian	39	50	48	48	38	457	348	277	220	338
Greater Glasgow	28	28	30	36	32	1 106	1 158	1 162	1 068	1 060
Highland	55	48	49	37	26	22	40	41	43	46
Lanarkshire	48	42	48	52	55	144	200	179	147	97
Lothian	26	31	32	29	32	171	226	229	327	340
Tayside	33	25	23	49	47	66	72	39	45	62
Island Boards ⁴	-	20	20	40	33	3	5	5	10	6
Outside Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>by council area</i>										
Aberdeen City	34	48	46	39	42	337	235	165	117	193
Aberdeenshire	52	59	52	57	30	97	94	91	96	134
Angus	38	29	-	38	33	13	7	5	8	6
Argyll & Bute	58	48	55	47	56	12	21	22	30	36
Ayrshire East ³	29	32	35	26	19	14	82	172	129	126
Ayrshire North ³	11	19	34	26	21	9	58	144	154	232
Ayrshire South ³	26	21	22	21	25	23	72	107	119	97
Borders	100	38	65	55	46	8	16	37	20	13
Clackmannanshire	48	53	43	27	36	25	19	23	15	11
Dumfries & Galloway	42	38	34	41	30	109	102	112	117	152
Dunbartonshire East	71	41	32	72	20	14	46	41	29	10
Dunbartonshire West	29	27	27	35	25	129	116	100	75	106
Dundee City	26	20	33	50	35	42	44	21	10	20
Edinburgh City	31	31	31	29	39	131	168	167	241	192
Falkirk	32	21	40	33	42	66	61	60	51	71
Fife	45	29	28	33	27	145	129	194	163	272
Glasgow City	27	28	30	34	32	1 037	1 038	1 044	984	998
Highland	55	48	49	37	26	22	40	41	43	46
Inverclyde	35	50	40	43	36	158	193	176	152	152
Lanarkshire North	48	38	44	50	48	106	125	116	119	52
Lanarkshire South	48	38	42	55	53	75	120	109	56	75
Lothian East	11	15	50	41	17	9	13	16	32	36
Lothian West	16	38	28	24	34	25	29	32	25	68
Midlothian	-	24	38	24	13	6	17	16	33	48
Moray	52	42	41	56	50	25	19	22	9	14
Perth & Kinross	55	33	15	52	56	11	21	13	27	36
Renfrewshire	29	20	27	35	39	73	40	66	52	84
Refrewshire East	67	18	14	37	25	6	17	29	19	12
Stirling	36	43	47	19	49	50	53	49	31	39
Island Councils ⁵	-	20	20	40	33	3	5	5	10	6
Outside Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

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5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

6 Refers to sharing 'injecting equipment' for years 1998/99 to 2000/01 and sharing needles/syringes for 2001/02 to 2002/03.

[See supplementary explanation of information presented](#)

r Revised.

Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.30 : Sharing needles/syringes^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03

individuals reported to have injected in the past month by sharing status and age group

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^{3,r}	1999/00 ^{3,r}	2000/01 ^{3,r}	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
All ages (Total)	3 427	3 900	3 970	3 945	4 329
Information available (=100%)	2 750	2 963	3 136	2 914	3 287
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	34	34	34	36	32
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	27	26	27	24	26
Never shared	40	40	38	41	42
Under 20 (Total)	454	427	342	284	283
Information available (=100%)	358	332	284	204	216
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	44	44	40	43	41
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	18	14	20	16	22
Never shared	38	41	39	41	37
20 - 24 years (Total)	1 046	1 225	1 121	1 079	1 218
Information available (=100%)	855	944	863	787	898
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	36	38	40	37	35
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	22	22	24	23	21
Never shared	42	40	36	40	45
25 - 29 years (Total)	995	1 162	1 185	1 209	1 278
Information available (=100%)	796	863	933	903	981
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	32	30	33	34	31
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	27	28	28	22	25
Never shared	41	42	39	44	45
30 - 34 years (Total)	607	700	810	806	889
Information available (=100%)	484	533	648	616	683
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	28	27	28	38	32
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	34	35	30	24	31
Never shared	37	38	41	38	38
35 - 39 years (Total)	226	274	361	406	457
Information available (=100%)	182	209	286	293	349
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	30	32	31	31	28
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	34	32	35	32	33
Never shared	36	36	34	38	40
40 years and over (Total)	99	112	151	161	204
Information available (=100%)	75	82	122	111	160
	<i>percentage</i>				
Shared in previous month	21	22	24	24	30
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	44	38	32	38	27
Never shared	35	40	44	38	43

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SDMD in 1999/00.

3 Refers to sharing 'injecting equipment' for years 1998/99 to 2000/01 and sharing needles/syringes for 2001/02 to 2002/03.

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r Revised.

|| Due to rounding percentages may not add up to 100%.

Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.31 : Sharing spoons/water/filters/solutions^{1,2}; year ending 31 March 2003

individuals reported to have injected in the past month; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Shared in previous month <i>percentage</i>	Shared in past- but not in previous month	Has never shared	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	48	23	29	3 126	1 203
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	48	24	28	365	65
Ayrshire & Arran	22	35	43	184	348
Borders	46	46	8	13	2
Dumfries & Galloway	48	31	21	160	32
Fife	51	19	30	281	83
Forth Valley	54	24	22	123	21
Grampian	60	17	23	383	112
Greater Glasgow	45	25	30	1 062	302
Highland	55	25	20	60	13
Lanarkshire	65	13	22	100	71
Lothian	49	17	34	353	135
Tayside	54	18	28	65	25
Island Boards ³	33	50	17	6	3
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	65	17	18	224	79
Aberdeenshire	48	17	34	143	29
Angus	63	-	38	8	4
Argyll & Bute	62	13	26	39	4
Ayrshire East	24	24	51	37	111
Ayrshire North	14	41	44	97	180
Ayrshire South	33	29	37	51	63
Borders	46	46	8	13	2
Clackmannanshire	67	-	33	12	2
Dumfries & Galloway	48	31	21	160	32
Dunbartonshire East	27	18	55	11	6
Dunbartonshire West	41	23	36	108	23
Dundee City	39	39	22	18	9
Edinburgh City	52	19	29	198	88
Falkirk	49	28	24	68	12
Fife	51	19	30	281	83
Glasgow City	45	26	29	998	273
Highland	55	25	20	60	13
Inverclyde	49	27	23	150	27
Lanarkshire North	60	18	22	50	42
Lanarkshire South	58	19	23	79	42
Lothian East	50	3	47	38	19
Lothian West	52	17	31	71	8
Midlothian	32	20	48	50	23
Moray	79	16	5	19	4
Perth & Kinross	59	13	28	39	12
Renfrewshire	45	18	37	84	17
Renfrewshire East	46	31	23	13	5
Stirling	58	26	16	43	7
Island Councils ⁴	33	50	17	6	3

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 Individuals are included once within each NHS board area and council area. Therefore the sum of local area data may not equal the Scotland figure.

3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.32 : Current sharing of spoons/water/filters/solutions^{1,2}: 2001/02 - 2002/03

individuals reported to have injected in the past month; NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	2001/02 ^r percentage	2002/03	2001/02 ^r Information available (=100%)	2002/03
Scotland	50	48	2 715	3 126
<i>by NHS board</i>				
Argyll & Clyde	44	48	295	365
Ayrshire & Arran	29	22	128	184
Borders	62	46	21	13
Dumfries & Galloway	63	48	134	160
Fife	63	51	167	281
Forth Valley	48	54	106	123
Grampian	58	60	234	383
Greater Glasgow	48	45	1 071	1 062
Highland	52	55	46	60
Lanarkshire	64	65	154	100
Lothian	46	49	339	353
Tayside	55	54	44	65
Island Boards ³	67	33	9	6
<i>by council area</i>				
Aberdeen City	55	65	121	224
Aberdeenshire	59	48	100	143
Angus	38	63	8	8
Argyll & Bute	55	62	29	39
Ayrshire East	37	24	35	37
Ayrshire North	20	14	49	97
Ayrshire South	30	33	50	51
Borders	62	46	21	13
Clackmannanshire	25	67	16	12
Dumfries & Galloway	63	48	134	160
Dunbartonshire East	77	27	30	11
Dunbartonshire West	45	41	75	108
Dundee City	67	39	12	18
Edinburgh City	45	52	245	198
Falkirk	52	49	54	68
Fife	63	51	167	281
Glasgow City	47	45	990	998
Highland	52	55	46	60
Inverclyde	44	49	147	150
Lanarkshire North	64	60	121	50
Lanarkshire South	62	58	58	79
Lothian East	54	50	37	38
Lothian West	56	52	27	71
Midlothian	38	32	34	50
Moray	71	79	14	19
Perth & Kinross	54	59	24	39
Renfrewshire	48	45	54	84
Refrewshire East	37	46	19	13
Stirling	53	58	36	43
Island Councils ⁴	67	33	9	6

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

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3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

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r Revised.

Source: Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.33 : Sharing spoons/water/filters/solutions¹ : 2001/02 - 2002/03

individuals reported to have injected in the past month by sharing status and age group
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
All ages (Total)	3 945	4 329
Information available (=100%)	2 715	3 126
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	50	48
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	21	23
Never shared	29	29
Under 20 (Total)	284	283
Information available (=100%)	178	195
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	59	63
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	12	12
Never shared	29	25
20 - 24 years (Total)	1 079	1 218
Information available (=100%)	755	881
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	55	54
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	19	18
Never shared	26	28
25 - 29 years (Total)	1 209	1 278
Information available (=100%)	833	916
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	48	45
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	20	24
Never shared	32	32
30 - 34 years (Total)	806	889
Information available (=100%)	561	638
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	48	46
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	24	29
Never shared	28	25
35 - 39 years (Total)	406	457
Information available (=100%)	283	336
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	45	40
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	27	28
Never shared	29	33
40 years and over (Total)	161	204
Information available (=100%)	105	160
	<i>percentage</i>	
Shared in previous month	38	45
Shared in past (but not in previous month)	34	25
Never shared	28	30

¹ All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.34 : Area injected into^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

percentage of individuals reported to have injected in past month by area injected into; NHS board and council area of residence
NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Arms only percentage	Elsewhere only	Both arms and elsewhere	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	53	18	29	3 634	695
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	59	18	22	402	28
Ayrshire & Arran	69	10	21	186	346
Borders	69	-	31	13	2
Dumfries & Galloway	51	17	31	181	11
Fife	65	8	27	326	38
Forth Valley	55	17	29	133	11
Grampian	56	15	29	453	42
Greater Glasgow	39	29	31	1 216	148
Highland	68	13	20	71	2
Lanarkshire	54	10	36	163	8
Lothian	67	6	26	431	57
Tayside	55	10	36	84	6
Island Boards ³	67	11	22	9	-
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	47	19	34	278	25
Aberdeenshire	72	6	22	159	13
Angus	78	11	11	9	3
Argyll & Bute	46	15	39	41	2
Ayrshire East	80	5	15	40	108
Ayrshire North	77	15	8	95	182
Ayrshire South	48	4	48	52	62
Borders	69	-	31	13	2
Clackmannanshire	79	-	21	14	-
Dumfries & Galloway	51	17	31	181	11
Dunbartonshire East	50	33	17	12	5
Dunbartonshire West	55	19	26	123	8
Dundee City	56	12	32	25	2
Edinburgh City	65	9	27	249	37
Falkirk	53	19	28	74	6
Fife	65	8	27	326	38
Glasgow City	39	30	31	1 135	136
Highland	68	13	20	71	2
Inverclyde	58	23	20	164	13
Lanarkshire North	52	8	40	89	3
Lanarkshire South	51	18	31	113	8
Lothian East	80	4	16	49	8
Lothian West	59	4	36	74	5
Midlothian	77	3	20	64	9
Moray	37	32	32	19	4
Perth & Kinross	50	8	42	50	1
Renfrewshire	69	12	19	94	7
Renfrewshire East	69	13	19	16	2
Stirling	51	18	31	45	5
Island Councils ⁴	67	11	22	9	-

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3 Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles NHS boards.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.35 : Employment Status^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Never employed	Unemployed 1 year or longer	Unemployed less than 1 year	Employed ⁵	Student	Other ⁶	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>							
Scotland	14	58	14	10	3	2	10 542	930
<i>by NHS board</i>								
Argyll & Clyde	17	59	13	7	3	1	1 148	48
Ayrshire & Arran	7	54	18	10	3	8	1 146	506
Borders	18	61	8	12	2	-	66	2
Dumfries & Galloway	8	66	17	9	0	0	237	6
Fife	15	55	13	10	6	1	770	36
Forth Valley	16	54	11	12	4	3	290	19
Grampian	8	48	22	18	5	1	955	23
Greater Glasgow	19	65	9	6	1	1	3 103	113
Highland	5	54	16	23	1	2	172	6
Lanarkshire	12	54	17	14	2	1	370	8
Lothian	14	55	14	11	4	2	1 941	152
Tayside	17	60	10	6	5	1	387	14
Island Boards ³	9	31	31	23	3	3	35	1
<i>by council area</i>								
Aberdeen City	8	55	17	16	4	1	566	16
Aberdeenshire	7	36	29	20	7	1	338	7
Angus	4	66	24	4	2	-	50	2
Argyll & Bute	12	50	16	19	2	1	130	16
Ayrshire East	4	61	17	9	2	7	300	226
Ayrshire North	7	53	17	10	3	11	637	193
Ayrshire South	11	45	22	14	4	4	218	94
Borders	18	61	8	12	2	-	66	2
Clackmannanshire	24	49	15	12	-	-	41	4
Dumfries & Galloway	8	66	17	9	0	0	237	6
Dunbartonshire East	24	45	12	19	-	-	78	4
Dunbartonshire West	13	66	12	6	1	1	295	8
Dundee City	20	62	6	6	4	2	219	9
Edinburgh City	18	58	10	8	3	2	1 232	116
Falkirk	12	54	12	16	3	2	156	8
Fife	15	55	13	10	6	1	770	36
Glasgow City	19	66	8	5	1	1	2 824	99
Highland	5	54	16	23	1	2	172	6
Inverclyde	21	55	16	5	2	1	368	10
Lanarkshire North	9	57	18	12	3	2	194	8
Lanarkshire South	14	53	17	14	1	0	280	3
Lothian East	5	48	24	19	3	1	231	13
Lothian West	7	53	18	9	10	2	298	15
Midlothian	7	54	19	19	1	2	199	14
Moray	5	43	29	21	2	-	56	-
Perth & Kinross	19	53	12	8	7	1	118	3
Renfrewshire	19	61	9	6	4	1	388	18
Renfrewshire East	18	58	13	11	1	-	85	2
Stirling	18	55	9	6	6	5	93	7
Island Councils ⁴	9	31	31	23	3	3	35	1

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4 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

5 Employed includes training.

6 Other comprises: Housewife/househusband/childcare, retired and invalid/sick.

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- (zero); 0 (>0.0 & <0.5)

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.36 : Employment status^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03

percentage of individuals by employment status

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
New Individual patients/clients	9 128	10 440	10 575	11 648	11 472
Information available (=100%)	8 772	9 981	10 263	10 578	10 542
	<i>percentage</i>				
Never employed	16	15	13	14	14
Unemployed (1 year or longer)	52	52	53	54	58
Unemployed (less than a year)	17	18	18	16	14
Employed ³	13	12	13	11	10
Student	1	2	2	3	3
Other ⁴	1	2	2	2	2

1 All figures in this table exclude penal establishment inmates and information received from needle exchanges.

2 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SDMD in 1999/00.

3 Employment includes training.

4 Other includes: housewife/husband, retired and invalidity/sick.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.37 : Living situation^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Lives alone	Lives with parents	Lives with spouse / partner	Lives with spouse / partner & parents	Lives with other persons	Lives with dependent children	Parents	Spouse/ partner	Spouse/ partner & parents	Other persons	Informa- tion available (=100%) number	Informa- tion unavail- able
	percentage ²											
Scotland	27	28	20	0	7	8	1	9	0	0	10 278	1 194
<i>by NHS board</i>												
Argyll & Clyde	25	32	21	1	5	6	2	7	0	0	1 122	74
Ayrshire & Arran	26	24	16	0	8	7	0	18	-	0	1 110	542
Borders	34	16	23	-	5	6	3	13	-	-	64	4
Dumfries & Galloway	24	31	22	0	6	7	3	7	-	1	231	12
Fife	23	25	24	1	7	7	1	11	0	-	777	29
Forth Valley	24	35	21	-	8	5	1	5	0	-	288	21
Grampian	24	37	20	1	6	5	1	7	0	-	926	52
Greater Glasgow	34	24	17	0	7	8	1	8	0	0	2 951	265
Highland	24	29	19	1	10	5	1	11	1	-	174	4
Lanarkshire	18	41	22	-	8	6	1	4	-	-	358	20
Lothian	24	26	23	0	6	10	1	10	0	0	1 936	157
Tayside	29	26	20	1	3	11	1	9	-	1	372	29
Island Boards ³	33	22	22	3	6	6	-	8	-	-	36	-
<i>by council area</i>												
Aberdeen City	24	33	24	1	7	6	1	5	0	-	537	45
Aberdeenshire	24	45	14	1	6	4	1	7	-	-	337	8
Angus	28	26	30	-	2	6	-	8	-	-	50	2
Argyll & Bute	27	30	22	1	1	9	1	10	-	-	126	20
Ayrshire East	25	25	17	0	10	6	-	15	-	0	287	239
Ayrshire North	28	24	14	0	7	7	0	20	-	-	614	216
Ayrshire South	25	23	20	0	8	7	0	16	-	-	217	95
Borders	34	16	23	-	5	6	3	13	-	-	64	4
Clackmannanshire	26	30	23	-	5	14	2	-	-	-	43	2
Dumfries & Galloway	24	31	22	0	6	7	3	7	-	1	231	12
Dunbartonshire East	25	41	9	-	4	8	1	13	-	-	80	2
Dunbartonshire West	31	30	17	-	6	9	1	5	-	0	286	17
Dundee City	29	25	16	0	4	14	1	10	-	1	211	17
Edinburgh City	29	18	24	0	6	11	1	11	0	0	1 229	119
Falkirk	20	37	19	-	10	5	1	7	1	-	153	11
Fife	23	25	24	1	7	7	1	11	0	-	777	29
Glasgow City	36	23	16	1	7	8	1	8	0	0	2 669	254
Highland	24	29	19	1	10	5	1	11	1	-	174	4
Inverclyde	23	34	23	1	5	4	2	8	-	-	368	10
Lanarkshire North	18	42	21	-	8	7	-	4	-	-	194	8
Lanarkshire South	17	40	25	-	8	6	1	3	-	-	265	18
Lothian East	10	43	28	1	4	5	2	6	-	-	230	14
Lothian West	21	40	15	-	7	10	1	6	-	-	299	14
Midlothian	12	34	21	1	8	9	1	14	-	1	196	17
Moray	20	25	20	-	11	4	2	20	-	-	56	-
Perth & Kinross	28	27	23	2	4	7	1	8	-	-	111	10
Renfrewshire	24	31	21	1	8	7	2	7	-	0	373	33
Renfrewshire East	18	34	24	-	5	9	2	6	1	-	87	-
Stirling	30	33	24	-	7	2	-	4	-	-	92	8
Island Councils ⁴	33	22	22	3	6	6	-	8	-	-	36	-

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.38 : Living situation^{1,2} : 1998/99 - 2002/03

percentage of individuals by living situation

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS / CLIENTS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
New Individual patients/clients	9 128	10 440	10 575	11 648	11 472
Information available (=100%)	8 342	9 328	9 581	10 194	10 278
	<i>percentage</i>				
Lives alone	20	20	20	24	27
Lives with parents	32	31	30	29	28
Lives with spouse / partner	18	19	19	19	20
Lives with spouse / partner & parents	1	0	1	0	0
Lives with other persons	7	8	8	7	7
Lives only with dependant children	8	8	7	8	8
Lives with dependant children and;					
with parents	1	1	1	1	1
with spouse / partner	12	12	12	11	9
with spouse / partner & parents	0	0	0	0	0
with other persons	0	0	0	0	0

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2 An additional 9 agencies in Ayrshire & Arran began contributing to SDMD in 1999/00.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.39 : Accommodation^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Owned/ rented percentage	Temporary/unstable accommodation	Supported accommodation (drug related)	Residential rehabilitation	Roofless	Local authority care	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	81	14	2	1	2	0	10 617	855
<i>by NHS board</i>								
Argyll & Clyde	83	11	1	1	2	0	1 166	30
Ayrshire & Arran	85	13	1	0	0	0	1 133	519
Borders	79	15	2	2	3	-	66	2
Dumfries & Galloway	84	10	2	-	5	-	239	4
Fife	88	10	1	-	1	-	784	22
Forth Valley	89	8	1	-	3	-	292	17
Grampian	88	9	2	0	1	-	946	32
Greater Glasgow	73	19	3	3	3	-	3 132	84
Highland	84	14	2	-	-	-	174	4
Lanarkshire	88	7	2	2	1	-	368	10
Lothian	82	14	2	0	2	0	1 976	117
Tayside	85	9	3	1	2	-	384	17
Island Boards ³	75	22	-	-	3	-	36	-
<i>by council area</i>								
Aberdeen City	88	8	4	0	0	-	563	19
Aberdeenshire	89	10	1	0	1	-	333	12
Angus	90	8	-	2	-	-	50	2
Argyll & Bute	70	15	5	6	4	-	142	4
Ayrshire East	83	15	2	-	1	-	292	234
Ayrshire North	86	13	1	0	0	0	639	191
Ayrshire South	86	13	1	0	-	-	210	102
Borders	79	15	2	2	3	-	66	2
Clackmannanshire	89	7	2	-	2	-	44	1
Dumfries & Galloway	84	10	2	-	5	-	239	4
Dunbartonshire East	81	19	-	-	-	-	79	3
Dunbartonshire West	81	15	-	2	2	-	291	12
Dundee City	86	10	3	0	0	-	217	11
Edinburgh City	79	16	2	0	2	0	1 264	84
Falkirk	91	6	1	-	2	-	154	10
Fife	88	10	1	-	1	-	784	22
Glasgow City	71	20	3	4	3	-	2 849	74
Highland	84	14	2	-	-	-	174	4
Inverclyde	89	9	0	1	2	-	374	4
Lanarkshire North	88	8	2	1	2	-	197	5
Lanarkshire South	88	8	2	2	1	-	276	7
Lothian East	88	11	0	-	1	-	237	7
Lothian West	91	7	0	1	1	1	304	9
Midlothian	85	13	1	-	1	-	194	19
Moray	80	18	-	-	2	-	55	1
Perth & Kinross	81	9	4	-	6	-	117	4
Renfrewshire	84	10	1	1	3	1	391	15
Renfrewshire East	97	3	-	-	-	-	87	-
Stirling	85	11	-	-	4	-	94	6
Island Councils ⁴	75	22	-	-	3	-	36	-

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.40 : Legal situation^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	None	At liberty pre-adjudication	At liberty post conviction	At liberty post and pre-adjudication	Other ⁴	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
	<i>percentage</i>						
Scotland³	63	24	12	1	0	9 624	1 848
<i>by NHS board</i>							
Argyll & Clyde	64	24	10	1	1	1 156	40
Ayrshire & Arran ³	67	19	13	0	0	275	1 377
Borders	71	18	11	-	-	65	3
Dumfries & Galloway	65	21	13	1	-	236	7
Fife	67	16	17	0	0	773	33
Forth Valley	47	39	14	0	-	279	30
Grampian	63	27	9	1	1	905	73
Greater Glasgow	60	27	12	0	0	3 115	101
Highland	69	20	11	-	-	174	4
Lanarkshire	61	21	18	0	-	359	19
Lothian	68	21	10	0	0	1 949	144
Tayside	59	28	12	1	0	379	22
Island Boards ⁴	72	25	3	-	-	36	-
<i>by council area</i>							
Aberdeen City	63	25	10	1	1	536	46
Aberdeenshire	62	27	9	-	1	321	24
Angus	65	22	14	-	-	51	1
Argyll & Bute	52	32	14	1	-	134	12
Ayrshire East ³	58	25	18	-	-	57	469
Ayrshire North ³	72	15	12	1	1	155	675
Ayrshire South ³	65	23	12	-	-	65	247
Borders	71	18	11	-	-	65	3
Clackmannanshire	55	33	12	-	-	42	3
Dumfries & Galloway	65	21	13	1	-	236	7
Dunbartonshire East	67	19	14	-	-	78	4
Dunbartonshire West	65	24	9	1	1	297	6
Dundee City	55	29	14	2	0	212	16
Edinburgh City	70	19	10	0	0	1 245	103
Falkirk	47	39	14	1	-	148	16
Fife	67	16	17	0	0	773	33
Glasgow City	59	28	12	0	0	2 830	93
Highland	69	20	11	-	-	174	4
Inverclyde	69	22	9	0	0	372	6
Lanarkshire North	61	23	16	-	-	192	10
Lanarkshire South	62	20	17	0	1	273	10
Lothian East	71	23	5	-	-	224	20
Lothian West	59	26	14	-	1	308	5
Midlothian	61	26	11	2	-	193	20
Moray	62	34	4	-	-	53	3
Perth & Kinross	64	28	8	-	-	116	5
Renfrewshire	62	24	11	2	1	388	18
Renfrewshire East	63	23	13	1	-	86	1
Stirling	44	42	15	-	-	89	11
Island Councils ⁵	72	25	3	-	-	36	-

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3 Information on presenting issue(s) is not currently collected by the local Ayrshire database in a comparable format.

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5 Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland councils.

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.41 : Previously been in prison^{1,2} : year ending 31 March 2003

NHS board and council area of residence

NEW INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS/CLIENTS

	Yes <i>percentage</i>	Did not wish No to answer	Information to answer	Information available (=100%) number	Information unavailable
Scotland	46	51	3	10 598	874
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	45	52	3	1 157	39
Ayrshire & Arran	47	52	1	1 099	553
Borders	33	61	6	67	1
Dumfries & Galloway	52	46	2	241	2
Fife	39	57	4	787	19
Forth Valley	46	50	4	305	4
Grampian	29	67	4	949	29
Greater Glasgow	56	42	2	3 160	56
Highland	43	54	3	174	4
Lanarkshire	42	51	7	368	10
Lothian	41	54	5	1 949	144
Tayside	45	53	2	386	15
Island Boards ³	28	72	-	36	-
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	33	63	3	564	18
Aberdeenshire	21	73	6	335	10
Angus	32	68	-	50	2
Argyll & Bute	46	52	2	126	20
Ayrshire East	49	51	1	284	242
Ayrshire North	47	52	1	618	212
Ayrshire South	46	53	0	204	108
Borders	33	61	6	67	1
Clackmannanshire	47	47	7	45	-
Dumfries & Galloway	52	46	2	241	2
Dunbartonshire East	33	60	6	81	1
Dunbartonshire West	45	51	4	299	4
Dundee City	49	50	1	217	11
Edinburgh City	43	50	7	1 239	109
Falkirk	46	54	1	164	-
Fife	39	57	4	787	19
Glasgow City	57	40	2	2 870	53
Highland	43	54	3	174	4
Inverclyde	44	56	1	376	2
Lanarkshire North	38	54	8	194	8
Lanarkshire South	46	49	5	279	4
Lothian East	33	66	1	226	18
Lothian West	39	59	2	301	12
Midlothian	37	62	0	204	9
Moray	29	69	2	55	1
Perth & Kinross	42	54	4	119	2
Renfrewshire	46	49	5	394	12
Renfrewshire East	45	52	2	86	1
Stirling	47	45	8	96	4
Island Councils ⁴	28	72	-	36	-

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Table B1.42 : Forms Received¹ : 1998/99 - 2002/03

NHS board and council area of residence

ALL VALID FORMS

	1998/99 ^r	1999/00 ^r	2000/01 ^r	2001/02 ^r	2002/03
Scotland²	11 073	13 241	13 309	14 682	13 921
<i>by NHS board</i>					
Argyll & Clyde	1 649	1 388	1 537	1 392	1 334
Ayrshire & Arran ²	165	1 448	1 562	2 240	1 933
Borders	82	80	116	134	70
Dumfries & Galloway	231	207	210	281	252
Fife	420	460	646	691	909
Forth Valley	349	290	332	335	355
Grampian	1 464	1 678	1 571	1 617	1 564
Greater Glasgow	3 212	3 866	3 821	4 104	3 768
Highland	85	122	128	192	188
Lanarkshire	483	588	558	605	406
Lothian	2 312	2 489	2 388	2 674	2 680
Tayside	589	583	411	364	426
Island Boards ³	29	34	26	50	36
Outside Scotland	3	8	3	3	-
<i>by council area</i>					
Aberdeen City	1 180	1 239	1 147	1 044	984
Aberdeenshire	218	363	354	501	520
Angus	81	67	54	49	54
Argyll & Bute	37	55	60	128	166
Ayrshire East ²	72	483	590	676	610
Ayrshire North ²	39	700	659	1 080	969
Ayrshire South ²	54	265	313	484	354
Borders	82	80	116	134	70
Clackmannanshire	70	53	58	65	50
Dumfries & Galloway	231	207	210	281	252
Dunbartonshire East	65	166	138	114	89
Dunbartonshire West	424	348	336	306	348
Dundee City	419	380	274	201	249
Edinburgh City	1 676	1 783	1 708	1 851	1 715
Falkirk	179	137	119	150	190
Fife	420	460	646	691	909
Glasgow City	2 899	3 448	3 382	3 710	3 439
Highland	85	122	128	192	188
Inverclyde	445	445	551	483	424
Lanarkshire North	354	397	368	414	212
Lanarkshire South	254	327	362	337	308
Lothian East	149	183	208	251	308
Lothian West	281	325	261	272	384
Midlothian	206	198	211	300	273
Moray	66	76	70	72	60
Perth & Kinross	89	136	83	114	123
Renfrewshire	750	564	579	513	429
Refrewshire East	116	92	140	96	93
Stirling	100	100	155	120	115
Island Councils ⁴	29	34	26	50	36
Outside Scotland	3	8	3	3	-

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Source : Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC SDMD TABLES

Tables B1.6a and B1.6b Main source of referral

The main source of referral provides information on the main source from whom the referral was received and gives an indication of the accessibility to services.

Table B1.7 Presenting Issue(s)

Details of the significant issues which have led the person to present to the service for their drug misuse problem.

Table B1.8 Seeking Prescription

Since April 2001, the Database collects information on whether individuals are seeking a prescription. This includes those individuals who are attending the service with a view to obtaining a prescription regardless of whether the service can actually prescribe.

Tables B1.9 to B1.13 Illicit Drug Profile

The Database collects a range of details about the particular drugs which the patients/clients have used in the past month.

The previous data collection forms (SMR22 and SMR23, used prior to April 2001) included one drug profile question which gathered information on all drugs used. This included illicit drugs as well as drugs which had been prescribed for the individual's own use. In order to make a clearer distinction between illicit use and an individual's prescription, form SMR24 was designed to include two drug profile questions i.e. one collecting data on the illicit drug profile in the past month (see definition below), the other collecting data on the individual's current prescription.

This section presents information from the illicit drug profile.

Illicit drug profile

The illicit drug profile collects information on:

- any illegal drug
- over the counter medicines used inappropriately
- volatile substances use inappropriately
- use of a prescribed drug which has been prescribed for someone else's use
- alcohol, when its use is identified as an issue of concern

Table B1.11 collects information on the main drug.

Main drug

The drug which causes the patient/client the most problems at the time of contact. This may not be the drug used most frequently or in the largest quantities.

Since April 2001, alcohol can be recorded as the main drug but only if there are other drugs recorded within the illicit drug profile, or a prescribed drug relating to the individual's previous illicit drug use is recorded within the prescription profile.

Technical note : Migration of historic drug profile data

As a result of changes to the collection of drug profile data, as discussed above, ISD have had to develop data "migration rules" in order to include the historic drug profile information on the new SMR24 Database (introduced April 2001).

Migration rules

- all illicit drugs e.g. heroin, cocaine, ecstasy etc. have been migrated on to the SMR24 database

- all other drugs i.e. those which can be prescribed, have been migrated on to the new database only if it had been recorded that all (or part) of the drug had been taken illicitly. If there was no indication as to whether this was the case then it could not be assumed that the drug had been taken illicitly and therefore could not be included on the new illicit drug profile.

For this reason data presented for the years 1998/99 - 2000/01 for drugs which can be prescribed will be an underestimate of the true figure.

Tables B1.14 to B1.19 Age Profiles

The Database collects information on the age of the individual at different points of their drug use: age when first used an illicit drug, age at onset of problem and age when (professional) help was sought. The time lags between these ages provides an indication of the length of time between first use, onset of problem and seeking help.

Tables B1.20 to B1.33 Routes of Use and Sharing Behaviour

Due to the important health implications, information on injecting and sharing behaviour is collected by the Database. All patients/clients are asked whether they have ever injected and if so, whether they have done so *in the past month* prior to attending the service. Similar questions are asked regarding sharing needles/syringes and sharing spoons/water/filters/solutions. Prior to April 2001, less specific information was collected on 'sharing injecting equipment'.

Trends in sharing 'injecting equipment' / 'needles/syringes'

It is thought that prior to April 2001, the responses to the sharing 'injecting equipment' question had generally been interpreted wrongly as equivalent to sharing needles/syringes. The trend tables B1.29 and B1.30 present information on sharing injecting equipment for years 1998/99 to 2000/01 and sharing needles/syringes for 2001/02 to 2002/03. Caution is however recommended when comparing data for 2001/02 and 2002/03 with previous years as it is not possible to verify that the interpretation of questions was equivalent in every case.

Table B1.34 Injection sites

This provides information on the risk practices associated with current injectors.

Tables B1.34 to B1.41 Social Information

The personal circumstances of the drug user seeking treatment or advice from services can influence the individual's motivation for seeking help and the extent to which the service can contribute to a change in drug taking behaviour. Information on employment status, current living arrangements and accommodation and the individual's current legal status are each potentially relevant factors and are collected by the Database.

Table B1.42 Forms Received

All other tables present information on new individual patients/clients. It is, however, possible that many of these individuals may have entered more than one service and could therefore be included several times on the Database. This section presents information on all attendances reported by contributing services i.e. all valid forms received.