Social Work Expenditure and Activity
(2006/07 to 2014/15)
A statistical Summary for Scotland

All of the data in these reports is taken from sets of data which have already been published. This statistical summary collates data from a range of published data to bring it all together into one dataset. The dataset was first collated by the Social Work Inspection Agency which previously provided the individual reports to Councils. The Care Inspectorate now undertakes this role and this is the first time the full dataset has been put online.

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- In real terms, spend on social work services in Scotland has moved from £3 billion, 447 million in 2006/07 to £3 billion, 808 million in 2014/15, as shown in Figure 1.

- The gross total spend on Social Work Services in Scotland has moved by 10% over this period. The annual movements are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 - Scotland total social work expenditure

Note:
*The analysis in this document is based on actual (gross) spend data as published by the Scottish Government in the annual 'Local Government Finance Statistics' (based on financial returns made by Local Authorities throughout the financial year).

*In any given year capital expenditure per capita varies substantially between local authority areas. This will in part reflect the different priorities of local authorities however it also reflects differences in the timing of capital projects.
## Breakdown of Social Work Spend

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- Nationally, we have observed a shift in spend from older people's services to childrens services over the period from 2006/07 to 2014/15. The position in Scotland overall is shown below.

### Figure 4

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Figure 5 - Scotland expenditure by service area

Gross social work expenditure by service area (£’000), 2014/15

- 1,694,247,45%
- 853,581,22%
- 673,288,18%
- 551,063,14%
- 36,283,1%

- Children & Families
- Older People
- Learning Disability
- Other Adult Groups
- Miscellaneous

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Figure 6 - Total social work spend per head across Scotland

Social work expenditure: Total gross social work spend (per head of population), 2014/15

- The average spend per head nationally in 2014/15 was £738 (represented by the horizontal line)
- The range of spend per head in 2014/15 in Scotland was between £544 to £1463
Children and Families (C&F)

Figure 7 - Scotland's movement in children and families social work expenditure

- Over the period 2005/06 to 2014/15, national spend has moved from £697.2 million to £853.6 million (in real terms)
- This represents a move of 22%
- As a proportion of total spend nationally, C&F accounts for 22.4% (21.3% in 2005/06)

Figure 8 - Scotland's children and families social work expenditure

- Per head of population aged 0-17 in 2014/15, the average spend per head across Scotland has moved from £658 to £826
• The average spend per head, nationally per head of the 0-17 population in 2014/15 was £856
• The range of spend per head in 2014/15 across Scotland was £380 to £1397

• As at July 2015 in Scotland there was a rate of 14.9 children looked after per 1,000 population aged 0-17
• The rates range from 7.0 to 31.2 per 1,000 population aged 0-17
As at 31 July 2015, there were 2,332 children looked after away from home in Scotland aged 0-4, this was greater than the 2007 figure of 1,722 (a change of 35%).

As at 31 July 2015 there were 4,180 children looked after away from home aged 5-11, this was greater than the 2007 figure of 2,808 (a change of 49%).

As at 31 July 2015 there were 4,726 children looked after away from home aged 12-17, this was greater than the 2007 figure of 3,356 (a change of 41%).
At July 2015, balance of children looked after at and away from home as a rate per 1,000 of the population aged 0-17 was as follows:

- In Scotland there were 10.9 children looked after away from home per 1,000 which was equal to 73% of children looked after aged 0-17.
- There were 4.0 children looked after at home per 1,000 which was equal to 27% of children looked after aged 0-17.

The rate, nationally, of children looked after away from home was 10.9 per 1,000 population aged 0-17 (represented by the horizontal line)

Rates of children looked after away from home in Scotland ranged from 3.4 to 24.5 per 1,000 population aged 0-17
At July 2015, placements for children looked after away from home per 1,000 population aged 0-17 in Scotland were as follows:

- 13% (1.4 per 1,000) in residential placements.
- 34% (3.7 per 1,000) in directly provided foster care.
- 14% (1.5 per 1,000) in directly purchased foster care.
- 37% (4.0 per 1,000) with relatives or friends.
- 3% (0.3 per 1,000) population in another placement.
At July 2015, rates of children looked after in Scotland aged 0-17 in residential placements per 1,000 population were as follows:

- 9% (0.12 per 1,000) in residential schools.
- 5% (0.08 per 1,000) in secure accommodation.
- 37% (0.52 per 1,000) in local authority homes.
- 27% (0.33 per 1,000) in voluntary homes.
- 1% (0.02 per 1,000) in crisis care.
- 21% (0.29 per 1,000) in another residential placement.
## Older People

**Figure 17 - Older people population data - % change 2012-2017 & Projections 2017-2027**

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**Sources:**

*Projected Population of Scotland (2012-based) (NRS)*
Figure 18 - Scotland’s ten year and twenty year projected percentage change of older people (aged 65-74, 75-84 and 85+) - 2012 based estimates

Figure 19 - Scotland’s movement in older people’s social work expenditure

- Over the period, spend has moved from £1,485,000 to £1,694,000 (in real terms).
- Nationally, spend has moved by 14%
- As a proportion of total national social work spend, this accounts for 44% (2005/06 45%)
Figure 20 - Scotland’s older people’s social work expenditure

The average spend per head across Scotland has moved from £1,783 in 2005/06 to £1,789 in 2014/15.

Figure 21 - Older people social work spend per head across Scotland

The spend per head nationally in 2014/15 was £1,853 (represented by the horizontal line).

The range of spend per head in 2014/15 was between £1,172 to £4,278.
Figure 22 - Scotland’s rate of older people supported in care homes

- The rate of older people supported in care homes per 1,000 population aged 65+
- The average rate in Scotland has moved from 38.4 to 31.2 per 1,000 population

Figure 23 - Rates of older people supported in care homes across Scotland

- The average rate in Scotland in 2014/15 was 31.2 per 1,000 population (represented by the horizontal line)
- In 2014/15 rates of older people supported in care homes ranged from 21.2 to 43.3 per 1,000 population aged 65+
• Between 2007 and 2015, the total rate of home care hours (all care groups) provided per 1,000 population aged 65+:

• The average rate in Scotland has moved from 762.8 in 2007 to 729.0 per 1,000 population in 2015

• At March 2015, the total rate of home care hours provided in Scotland was 729.0 hours per 1,000 population aged 65+ (represented by the horizontal line)

• In 2015 rates of total home care hours provided ranged from 289.5 to 1122.7 per 1,000 population
Between 2005/06 and 2014/15, the rate of older people receiving less than 10 hours per week per 1,000 population aged 65+ in Scotland has moved from 51.7 in 2005/06 to 33.9 per 1,000 population in 2014/15.

Over 2014/15, in Scotland there was a rate of 33.9 people per 1,000 population aged 65+ receiving less than 10 hours per week (represented by the horizontal line).

Rates in 2014/15 ranged from 19.0 to 55.0 per 1,000 population aged 65+.
Figure 28 - Scotland’s rate of older people receiving intensive home care (10+ hours per week)

Between 2005/06 and 2014/15, the average rate of older people receiving intensive home care per 1,000 population aged 65+ in Scotland has moved from 16.8 in 2005/06 to 17.4 per 1,000 population in 2014/15.

Figure 29 - Intensive home care provided across Scotland

Over 2014/15, in Scotland, there was a rate of 17.4 people per 1,000 population aged 65+ receiving intensive home care (i.e. 10+ hours per week) (represented by the horizontal line).

Rates in 2014/15 ranged from 9.0 to 31.3 per 1,000 population aged 65+.
During 2014/15, the balance of care in Scotland can be broken down as follows:

**Intensive home care:**
- 17.4 people per 1,000 population (or 36%) aged 65+ were receiving intensive home care
- Rates across Scotland ranged from 21% to 50%

**Care homes:**
- 31.2 per 1,000 population (or 64%) aged 65+ were supported in care homes.
- Rates across Scotland ranged from 50% to 79%
At March 2015, in Scotland, a total of 729 home care hours were provided per 1,000 population. The breakdown of home care provision is given as follows:

- 239.1 home care hours per 1,000 population (or 33% of the total) provided solely from local authority
- 405.5 hours per 1,000 population (or 56% of the total) was provided from a combination of sectors
- 74.5 home care hours per 1,000 population (or 10% of the total) provided solely from private/voluntary sector
Learning Disabilities

Figure 32 - Scotland’s movement in learning disability social work expenditure

- Over the period, spend has moved from £562.2 million to £673.2 million (in real terms)
- This represents a move of 20%

Figure 33 - Scotland’s per head expenditure on learning disability services

- Per head of population aged 18 to 64 in 2014/15:
- The spend per head in Scotland has moved from £176 to £201 (real terms)
The average spend nationally in 2014/15 was £48 (represented by the horizontal line).

The range of spend per head in 2014/15 was £140 to £425.
Mental Health

Figure 35 - Scotland’s movement in mental health social work expenditure

- Over the period, spend has moved from £174.8 million to £154.1 million (in real terms)
- This represents a move of -12%

Figure 36 - Scotland's mental health social work expenditure

- Per head of population aged 18 to 64 in 2014/15, the average spend per head in Scotland has moved from £55 to £46 (real terms)
Figure 37 - Mental health per head social work expenditure across Scotland

- The average spend nationally in 2014/15 was £28 (represented by the horizontal line)
- The range of spend per head in 2014/15 was £32 to £106
Addiction Services

Figure 38 - Scotland's movement in addictions/substance misuse social work expenditure

- Over the period, spend has moved from £44.2 million to £68.8 million (in real terms)
- Nationally, spend has moved by 56%

Figure 39 - Scotland's addiction services per head spend

Per head of population aged 18 to 64 in 2014/15:

- The spend per head in Scotland has moved from £26 to £16 (real terms)
- The average spend per head across Scotland has moved from £14 to £21
Figure 40 - Addiction services per head spend across Scotland

- The average spend nationally in 2014/15 was £21 (represented by the horizontal line)
- The range of spend per head in 2014/15 was £3 to £62

Sources: Local Financial Returns
Social Care Services Scotland 2015
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