

# RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES, SCOTLAND 1999

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE: SEHD/RCC/1999

### Introduction

The purpose of this Information Note is to present national figures for residential care homes for adults in Scotland in 1999. The information is derived from returns made to the Scottish Executive by individual residential care homes directly or via Scottish local authorities. Refer to the background information outlined later in this information note for further details relating to the census of residential care establishments.

Information on residential community care in Scotland was published in respect of 1998 in the statistical information note "Residential Community Care, Scotland 1998". Prior to this, information was published in annual statistical bulletins entitled "Community Care, Scotland". The 1997 bulletin was the last in the series. These bulletins have now been replaced by information notes.

### Main Points

- On 31 March 1999, there were 1,622 residential care homes registered in Scotland offering a total of 24,385 places

- As at 31 March 1999, there were 659 homes intended for older people, accounting for 41 percent of all residential care homes in Scotland. Around 33 percent of these homes were local authority run

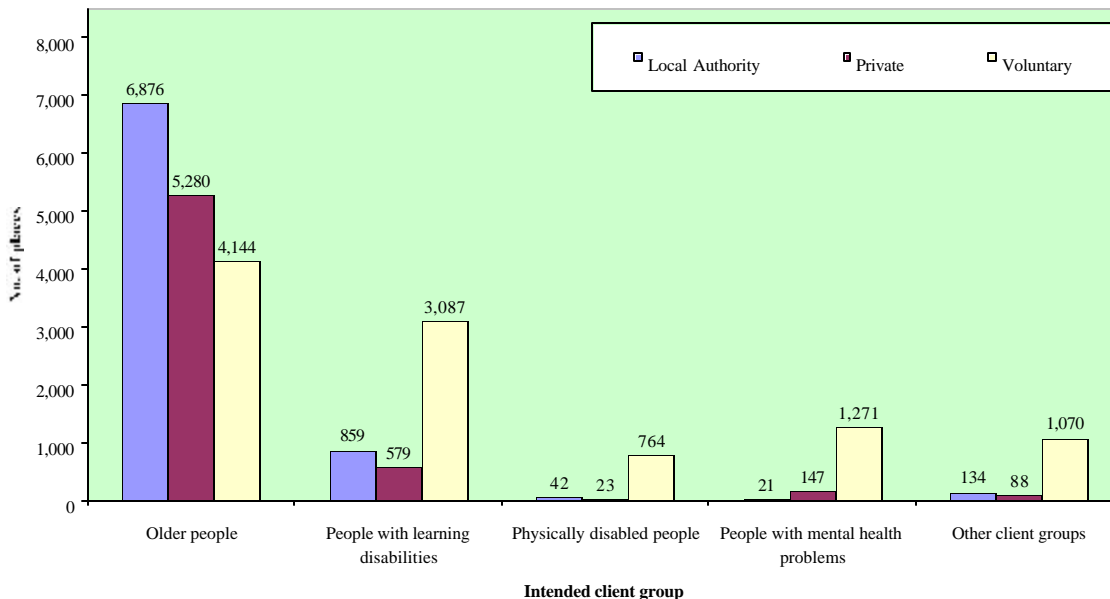
- As at 31 March 1999, almost 80 percent of residential care homes for client groups other than older people were run by the voluntary sector

- During the year to 31 March 1999, 40 percent of admissions to privately run homes were long-stay residents compared with only 12 percent of admissions to local authority run homes

- As at 31 March 1999, 87 percent of the long-stay residents in homes intended for older people were aged 75 or over, and 54 percent were aged 85 years or over

- In 1999, the average completed length of stay for long-stay residents in homes intended for older people was 2 years and 10 months

CHART 1: Number of places in residential care homes in Scotland by intended client group and sector as at 31 March 1999



**TABLE 1: Residential Care Homes by Client Group and Sector as at 31 March 1999**

INTENDED CLIENT GROUP	No. of Homes				No. of Places <sup>1</sup>				No. of Residents <sup>1</sup>			
	Local Authority	Priv	Vol	Total	Local Authority	Priv	Vol	Total	Local Authority	Priv	Vol	Total
Older people	219	275	165	659	6,876	5,280	4,144	16,300	6,059	4,477	3,684	14,220
People with learning disabilities	98	63	433	594	859	579	3,087	4,525	768	561	2,893	4,222
Physically disabled people	3	2	46	51	42	23	764	829	28	19	651	698
People with mental health problems	2	15	177	194	21	147	1,271	1,439	18	121	1,115	1,254
Other client groups	11	7	106	124	134	88	1,070	1,292	102	68	851	1,021
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>7,932</b>	<b>6,117</b>	<b>10,336</b>	<b>24,385</b>	<b>6,975</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>21,415</b>

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

<sup>1</sup> Includes holiday/respite care places/residents

### Profile of Residential Care Homes

Table 1 shows the number of residential care homes in Scotland, and the number of places and residents in these homes as at 31 March 1999. Chart 1 also illustrates the number of places in these homes.

42 percent of homes for older people were privately run compared to 33 percent run by local authorities. However, the local authority run homes accounted for 42 percent of places compared to only 32 percent for private homes. (See Table 1)

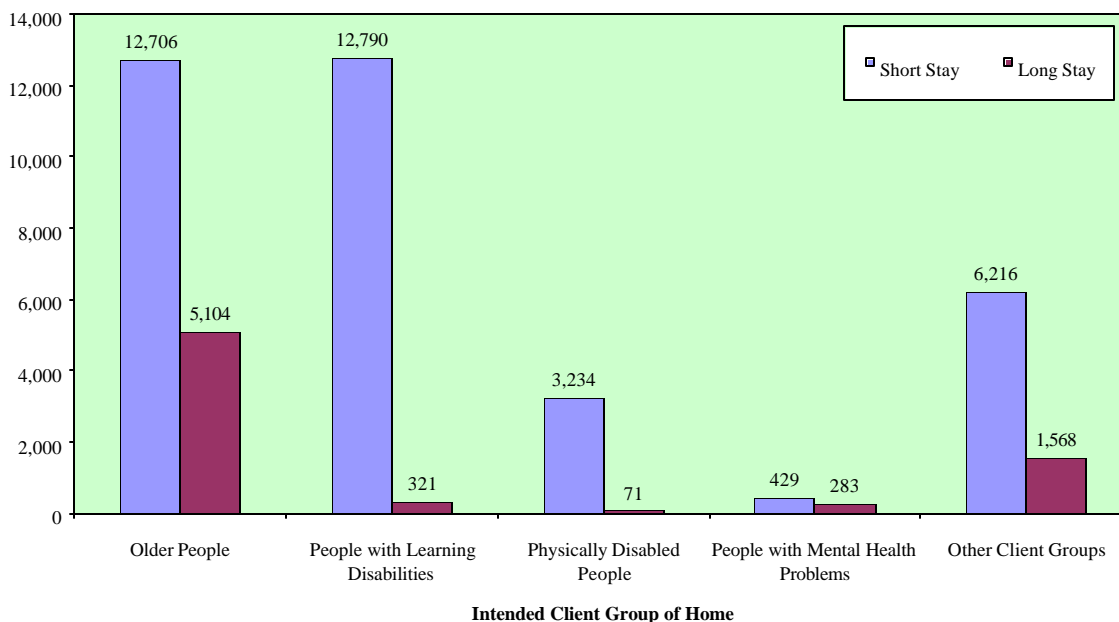
voluntary sector. These homes accounted for 77 percent of places and residents. (See Table 1)

### Admissions Into Residential Care

Table 2 and Chart 2 illustrate the number of admissions into residential care homes during the year to 31 March 1999. These are shown split by intended client group of home and type of stay. The “other client groups” category includes homes for people with alcohol / drug problems and people with HIV and AIDS.

For all other client groups (excluding older people), 79 percent of homes were run by the

**CHART 2: Long and Short Stay Admissions during the year ending 31 March 1999 by client group**



**TABLE 2: Number of Admissions During the Year Ending 31 March 1999 by Client Group and Sector**

INTENDED CLIENT GROUP	SECTOR							
	Local Authority		Private		Voluntary		TOTAL	
	Short Stay	Long Stay	Short Stay	Long Stay	Short Stay	Long Stay	Short Stay	Long Stay
Older people	9,473	2,242	1,593	1,692	1,640	1,170	12,706	5,104
People with learning disabilities	5,731	67	82	38	6,977	216	12,790	321
Physically disabled people	853	4	35	6	2,346	61	3,234	71
People with mental health problems	0	21	0	13	429	249	429	283
Other client groups	1,684	150	970	23	3,562	1,395	6,216	1,568
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,741</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>35,375</b>	<b>7,347</b>

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

During the period, there were just over 42,700 admissions into residential care homes in Scotland, around 7,300 of these were long-stay residents. Admissions to local authority run homes accounted for 47 percent of all admissions whilst privately run homes accounted for only 10 percent. (See Table 2)

From a total of 17,800 admissions into homes for older people, over 71% were short stay admissions. Nearly 98 percent of admissions into homes for people with learning disabilities were short-stay residents. (See Table 2) The number of short-stay admissions does not equate to the number of respite residents. If an individual receives more than one period of respite during the year they are counted each time they are admitted.

The number of short stay admissions into voluntary homes for people with learning disabilities was just under 7,000 in the year to March 1999. This has increased substantially from the 2,200 admissions reported for the year to March 1998. A small number of homes reported high levels of short stay admissions in 1999 but had reported low levels or zero admissions in the previous year. When queried, the homes confirmed that the current year's figures were correct and that it was likely that the 1998 figure was under-reported.

**Profile of Residents in Residential Care**

Tables 3 and 4 show the age profiles of long-stay clients in residential care homes for older

people and in homes for other client groups by sector.

Around 12 percent of clients in homes for older people were aged between 65 and 74 years, with the majority of clients aged 85 or over. (See Table 3)

**TABLE 3: Age Profile of Long-Stay Residents in Homes for Older People by Sector as at 31 March 1999**

SECTOR	Age Band (years)					Base =
	Row Percentages					100%
	Under 55	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85 and over	
Local Authority	-	1	12	36	50	5,728
Private	-	1	10	32	57	4,422
Voluntary	1	2	10	29	57	3,631
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	2	11	33	54	13,781

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

"-" denotes less than 0.5%

The private and voluntary sectors had the highest proportions of clients aged 85 or over in the older people client group with 57 percent each. This compares with 50 percent for the local authority run homes. (See Table 3)

Around 68 percent of clients in homes for all other client groups (excluding older people) were aged between 31 and 64 years. Only 11 percent of clients in these types of homes were aged 65 years and over. (See Table 4)

**TABLE 4: Age Profile of Long-Stay Residents in Homes for Other Client Groups by Sector as at 31 March 1999**

SECTOR	Age Band (years)					Base =
	Row Percentages					100%
	Under 16	16 - 30	31 - 45	46 - 64	65 and over	
Local Authority	-	18	34	40	9	776
Private	-	8	23	47	22	743
Voluntary	-	22	32	36	10	5,246
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	20	31	37	11	6,765

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

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**TABLE 5: Destination of Long-Stay Residents Discharged During the Year Ending 31 March 1999 by Client Group**

INTENDED CLIENT GROUP	Destination on Discharge							Row Percentages
	Died	Entered hospital	Transferred	Discharged		Other discharge	Unknown	Base = 100%
			to another home	to sheltered housing	To own home			
Older people	51	20	18	-	4	7	1	5,441
People with learning disabilities	12	6	40	2	26	9	5	297
Physically disabled people	26	11	29	3	24	7	0	90
People with mental health problems	12	15	25	3	24	15	6	266
Other client groups	1	2	7	-	32	37	21	1,568
<b>TOTAL</b>	38	15	17	1	11	13	5	7,662

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

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Around 22 percent of residents in privately run homes for all other client groups (excluding older people) were aged 65 years or over. This corresponds with 9 percent and 10 percent in the local authority and voluntary sectors, respectively. (See Table 4)

### Profile of Discharged Residents

Tables 5 and 6 show the profile of **long-stay** residents discharged from residential care homes in Scotland during the year to 31 March 1999. These are presented in terms of their destination on discharge and length of stay by intended client group of home.

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1999, around 32 percent of all residents who were discharged from residential care homes were transferred to another home or entered hospital. This proportion varied markedly between client groups. (See Table 5)

31 percent of all residents discharged during the year had a length of stay of less than 6 months. Around 32 percent of residents discharged from homes for older people stayed for 3 years or more. (See Table 6)

Residential care homes for people with learning disabilities and physically disabled people had 54 percent and 44 percent, respectively, of discharged residents staying for 5 years and over. (See Table 6)

Residents in homes intended for physically disabled people had the longest average stay of 6 years and 10 months, followed by those in homes for people with learning disabilities with an average stay of 6 years and 2 months. (See Table 6)

**TABLE 6: Length of Stay of Long-Stay Residents Discharged During the Year Ending 31 March 1999 by Client Group**

INTENDED CLIENT GROUP	Length of Stay					Base = 100%	Row Percentages
	Less than 6 months	6 - 11 months	1 to under 3 years	3 to under 5 years	5 years and over		Average length of stay
Older people	19	13	36	16	16	5,441	2 yrs 10 mths
People with learning disabilities	13	7	15	11	54	297	6 yrs 2 mths
Physically disabled people	10	9	27	10	44	90	6 yrs 10 mths
People with mental health problems	24	15	26	14	21	266	2 yrs 11 mths
Other client groups	76	16	6	1	1	1,568	5 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	31	13	29	13	15	7,662	2 yrs 6 mths

Source: Residential Establishment Census Return R1

## **Background Information on the Census of Residential Care Establishments**

The census is intended to cover all adult residential care establishments in Scotland which are registered with or run by local authorities.

The number of establishments covered by the 1999 census is estimated to be around 1,640, of which 1,622 remained open on the census day (31<sup>st</sup> March). These establishments were asked to provide detailed information on their residential care provision covering the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999. Responses were obtained from around 1,430 establishments, giving an estimated response rate of approximately 87 percent. However, this response rate did vary from area to area.

The figures presented in this information note have been grossed up to take account of non-response. The methodology adopted was based on using returns of establishments of similar type, sector and local authority area to estimate figures for those establishments which did not submit a return.

The methodology for dealing with non response since 1998 is different to that previously adopted, therefore care should be taken when making comparisons with pre-1998 data.

Some of the column and row totals in these tables may not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

## **Further Information**

Further details and analysis of the data presented in this Information Note are available on request from the address following. The Information Note is also available on the Internet by accessing the Scottish Executive web site ([www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)).

Information at disaggregate local authority level showing number of homes, places and residents by sector is shown in Annex 1 to this Information Note.

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ANNEX 1: Residential Care Homes by Local Authority Area - number of homes, places and residents by sector as at 31 March 1999

LOCAL AUTHORITY	No. of Homes				No. of Places <sup>1</sup>				No. of Residents <sup>1</sup>			
	Local	Private	Voluntary	TOTAL	Local	Private	Voluntary	TOTAL	Local	Private	Voluntary	TOTAL
	Authority				Authority				Authority			
Aberdeen City	20	2	87	109	462	22	966	1,450	398	21	860	1,279
Aberdeenshire	18	13	54	85	367	192	483	1,042	348	181	433	962
Angus	8	23	7	38	211	396	118	725	183	330	107	620
Argyll & Bute	9	29	11	49	153	468	182	803	137	368	159	664
Clackmannanshire	2	0	6	8	71	0	90	161	68	0	84	152
Dumfries & Galloway	2	25	25	52	19	467	459	945	18	387	418	823
Dundee City	15	8	13	36	328	178	173	679	268	157	124	549
East Ayrshire	6	15	6	27	129	337	137	603	116	197	129	442
East Dunbartonshire	2	3	8	13	44	75	70	189	40	75	65	180
East Lothian	4	7	45	56	148	94	259	501	127	83	226	436
East Renfrewshire	2	2	6	10	55	38	152	245	55	36	148	239
Edinburgh, City of	24	28	188	240	734	302	1,365	2,401	637	277	1,225	2,139
Eileanan Siar	16	1	3	20	191	6	21	218	155	6	17	178
Falkirk	8	13	17	38	182	168	149	499	179	159	133	471
Fife	42	21	31	94	475	412	347	1,234	419	392	326	1,137
Glasgow City	27	15	116	158	1,128	322	1,619	3,069	961	303	1,470	2,734
Highland Council, The	23	42	31	96	354	609	497	1,460	309	532	403	1,244
Inverclyde	5	4	29	38	82	95	463	640	78	81	405	564
Midlothian	3	7	30	40	127	90	211	428	110	85	200	395
Moray Council, The	7	5	18	30	148	79	161	388	124	71	145	340
North Ayrshire	7	13	11	31	137	205	171	513	129	167	152	448
North Lanarkshire	13	10	29	52	412	179	239	830	385	160	225	770
Orkney Islands	3	3	0	6	79	29	0	108	72	26	0	98
Perth & Kinross	5	21	17	43	148	451	399	998	138	383	327	848
Renfrewshire	8	7	12	27	252	167	221	640	245	129	214	588
Scottish Borders	7	8	42	57	217	139	302	658	200	115	282	597
Shetland Islands	5	0	5	10	77	0	71	148	65	0	52	117
South Ayrshire	7	5	10	22	176	63	250	489	149	63	202	414
South Lanarkshire	14	16	22	52	436	313	265	1,014	321	265	247	833
Stirling	5	6	11	22	107	124	259	490	86	108	224	418
West Dunbartonshire	9	2	8	19	252	36	80	368	237	32	74	343
West Lothian	7	8	29	44	231	61	157	449	218	57	118	393
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