

Statistics Release

Direct Payments Scotland 2004

Introduction

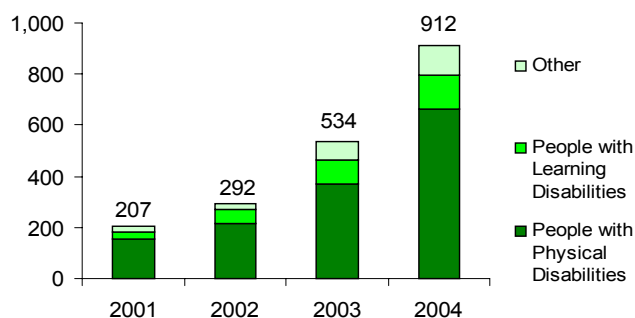
The purpose of this Statistics Release is to present national figures on Direct Payments made by Scottish Local Authorities.

The figures apply to payments made during the period 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004 under section 12B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Direct payments have been available to disabled people aged 18-64 since April 1997. They were extended to disabled people aged 65 and over in July 2000. Since 21 December 2001 they have also been available to disabled 16 and 17 year olds and disabled parents for children's services. From 1 June 2003 it became a duty for local authorities to offer direct payments in place of providing services to all eligible disabled people aged 16 and over and to parents (or those with parental responsibility) for disabled children aged 15 and under. Direct payments are made to people in these categories to enable them to purchase for themselves the services they have been assessed as needing. This can help increase independence and aid social inclusion.

The information is derived from returns made to the Scottish Executive by Scottish Local Authorities. The background information note on page 3 conveys further details relating to the collection of direct payments data. Charts are shown on pages 1 to 3 of the publication and data tables are shown in the appendix. In tables 3, 5, 6 and 7 local authorities have been grouped into larger geographical areas in order to help prevent individuals and their payment amounts being identified.

CHART 1: Number of direct payments, 2001-2004



Main Points

- The number and value of direct payments has increased greatly over the last three years, from 207 payments in 2001 to 912 in the year to 31 March 2004.

Chart 1 shows the number of direct payments made each year.

- Similarly, the value of payments has increased by nearly £6.2 million, from £2.1 million in 2001 to over £8.3 million in 2004.

Chart 2 shows the value of direct payments made each year.

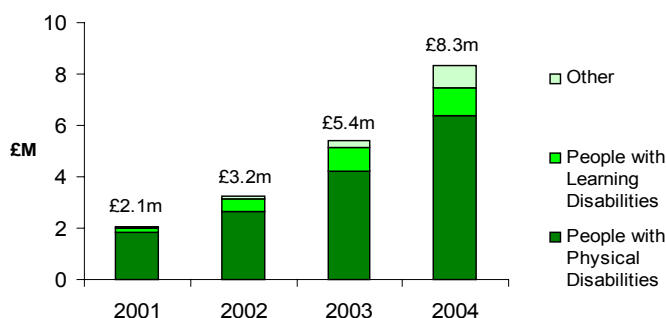
- Almost half of people who received direct payments in 2004 were aged 18-64 with physical disabilities.

Chart 3, on page 2, shows a summary of payments by age and client group.

- A third of people who received direct payments in 2004 were aged 65 or over, compared to only 7 per cent in 2001.

Chart 6 shows the age profile of clients from 2001-2004.

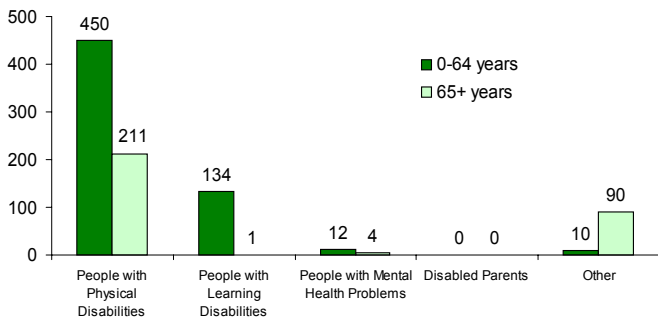
CHART 2: Value of direct payments, 2001-2004



Profile of clients receiving direct payments, 2004

CHART 3:

Number of people receiving direct payments



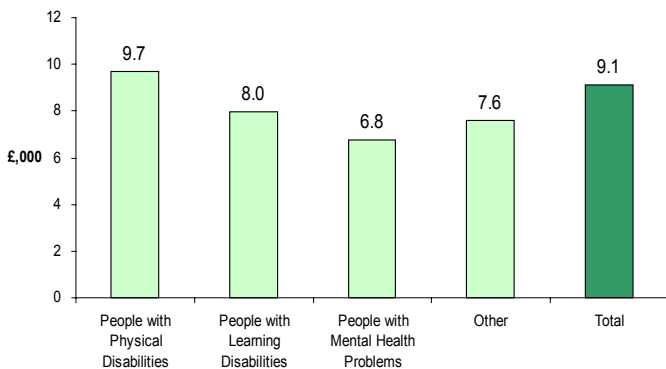
Of the 912 direct payments made during the year, 72 per cent (661 payments) were made to people with physical disabilities. These payments amounted to almost £6.4 million, nearly 77 per cent of the total amount paid.

606 payments (66% of the total) were made to people aged under 65. Direct payments have been available to disabled people aged 65 and over since July 2000 and 306 people in this age group (34% of the total) received payments in the year to 31 March 2004.

Table 1 in the appendix shows a breakdown of the number of clients by age and client group

CHART 4:

Average value of a direct payment

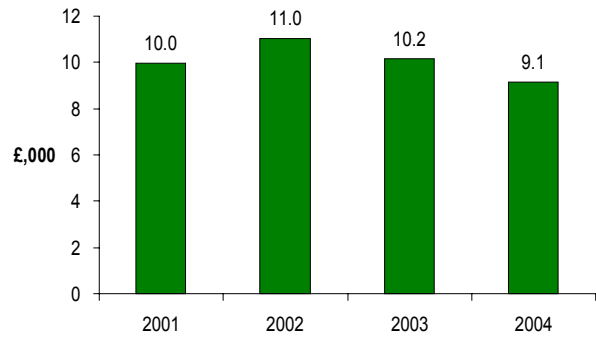


The average value of a direct payment received in 2004 was £9,143 per client. Those who received a direct payment due to a physical disability received the highest average payment (£9,675) and those with mental health problems received the lowest (£6,769).

Table 2 shows the average payment per client broken down by client group.

Time Series, 2001-2004

CHART 5:



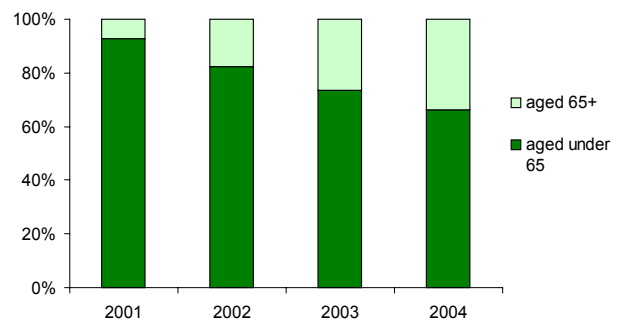
Average value of a direct payment

After an increase from 2001 to 2002, the average amount of a direct payment has decreased in the last two years from £11,000 per client to just over £9,000.

Table 3 shows the average payment paid per client in each area from 2001-2004

CHART 6:

Percentage of people receiving direct payments aged 65+



The age profile of direct payment clients has changed over the past three years, with a greater proportion of recipients now aged 65 or over. In 2001 only 7 per cent of recipients were in this age group, compared to a third of all clients in 2004.

Table 4 shows the age profile of clients from 2001-2004.

There were more females than males in receipt of direct payments in 2004, 523 compared to 389. A gender breakdown by area is shown on table 7.

Local Authority Analysis

All but one Local Authority made direct payments during the year to 31 March 2004.

Fife council made the most payments (over 20 per cent of the Scotland total) and these payments amounted to over £1.5 million. However the City of Edinburgh spent the most, paying out just under £2 million (almost a quarter of the total amount paid). Only Inverclyde did not make a payment in the year.

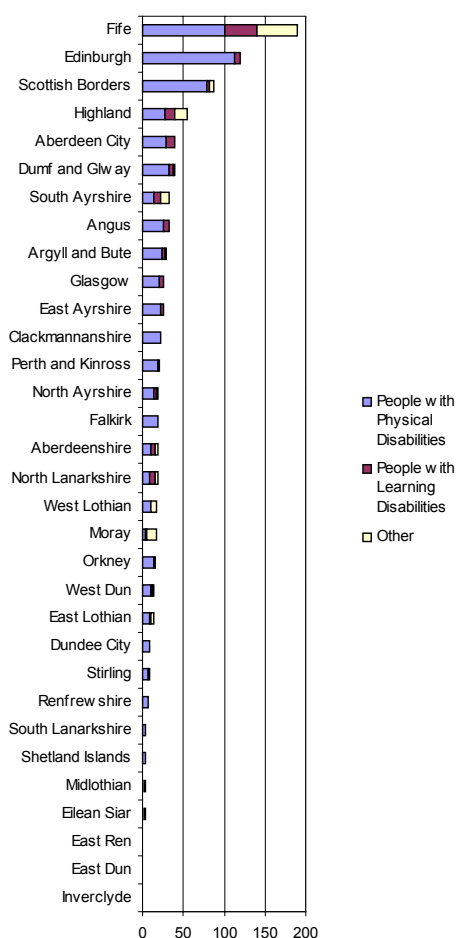
All but two Local Authorities made more direct payments in 2003/04 than in the previous year – only West Lothian and Eilean Siar made less.

The average value of a payment increased in 21 of 32 Local Authorities yet the Scotland average decreased – the City of Edinburgh contributed heavily to this as payments in this Local Authority fell by an average of £4,400 per client. However the average amount paid to a client in Edinburgh was still greater than in any other Local Authority.

Table 8 shows the number of direct payments made in 2001-2004 by client group and local authority.

CHART 7:

Number of people receiving direct payments



Background information on the Direct Payments Survey, 2004

The Direct Payments survey began in 2001 and collects information on Direct Payments from all Local Authorities in Scotland.

The survey asks for the number of clients receiving direct payments, split by age, gender and client group.

All 32 local authorities provided information.

Some column totals in the tables in this document 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 Statistics Release are available on request from the address below. The Statistics Release is also available on the Internet by accessing the Scottish Executive web site (www.scotland.gov.uk/stats).

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Further information on Direct Payments is available from the Direct Payments Scotland website (www.dpscotland.org.uk)

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APPENDIX

Table 1: Direct payments by age and client group, 2004

	Number of Clients					Value of Payments (£,000)				
	0-15 years	16-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years	Total	0-15 years	16-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years	Total
People with Physical Disabilities	14	6	430	211	661	34	38	4,990	1,333	6,395
People with Learning Disabilities	5	7	122	1	135	39	17	1,013	7	1,076
People with Mental Health Problems	0	0	12	4	16	0	0	88	20	108
Disabled Parents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	10	90	100	0	0	47	712	759
Total	19	13	574	306	912	73	55	6,138	2,073	8,338

Table 2: Average direct payment per client by client group (2001-2004)

	Average (£,000)			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
People with Physical Disabilities	12.2	12.2	11.4	9.7
People with Learning Disabilities	4.4	8.3	9.9	8.0
People with Mental Health Problems	0.0	6.7	6.0	6.8
Other	3.2	5.4	3.8	7.6
Total	10.0	11.0	10.2	9.1

Table 3: Direct payments by area (2001-2004)

	2001			2002			2003			2004		
	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Average Value (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Average Value (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Average Value (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Average Value (£,000)
Ayrshire	22	168	7.6	18	155	8.6	48	369	7.7	76	889	11.7
Central Scotland	5	52	10.3	8	84	10.5	37	235	6.3	70	510	7.3
Edinburgh	67	1,083	16.2	49	1,177	24.0	89	1,864	20.9	120	1,979	16.5
Fife	30	254	8.5	64	554	8.7	120	822	6.8	190	1,501	7.9
Glasgow	17	100	5.9	16	151	9.4	15	147	9.8	26	185	7.1
Highland and Islands	14	67	4.8	26	181	7.0	49	461	9.4	79	730	9.2
Lanarkshire	3	13	4.3	10	156	15.6	11	177	16.1	22	281	12.8
Lothian (excl. Edinburgh)	11	130	11.9	15	162	10.8	26	273	10.5	34	301	8.8
North East Scotland	16	75	4.7	38	362	9.5	59	588	10.0	117	954	8.2
South Scotland	19	94	5.0	45	209	4.7	77	460	6.0	126	716	5.7
West Scotland	3	28	9.3	3	28	9.3	3	28	9.3	52	292	5.6
Scotland	207	2,064	10.0	292	3,220	11.0	534	5,422	10.2	912	8,338	9.1

Table 4: Age profile of direct payment clients (2001-2004)

Age Group	Number of clients				Percentage of clients			
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2001	2002	2003	2004
aged under 65	192	240	393	606	93%	82%	74%	66%
aged 65+	15	52	141	306	7%	18%	26%	34%
Total	207	292	534	912	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Direct Payments by age band and area, 2004

	Number of Clients					Value of Payments (£,000)				
	0-15 years	16-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years	Total	0-15 years	16-17 years	18-64 years	65+ years	Total
Ayrshire	1	0	59	16	76	3	0	740	146	889
Central Scotland	1	1	36	32	70	4	1	333	173	510
Edinburgh	0	2	75	43	120	0	9	1,616	355	1,979
Fife	0	3	129	58	190	0	8	1,067	426	1,501
Glasgow	0	0	19	7	26	0	0	134	50	185
Highland and Islands	2	1	53	23	79	3	2	483	241	730
Lanarkshire	2	0	19	1	22	34	0	243	4	281
Lothian (excl. Edinburgh)	0	1	23	10	34	0	9	225	67	301
North East Scotland	10	2	75	30	117	21	12	721	199	954
South Scotland	0	0	64	62	126	0	0	448	269	716
West Scotland	3	3	22	24	52	7	14	129	142	292
Scotland	19	13	574	306	912	73	55	6,138	2,073	8,338

Table 6: Direct Payments by client group and area, 2004

	Number of Clients						Value of Payments (£,000)					
	People with Physical Disabilities	People with Learning Disabilities	People with Mental Health Problems	Disabled Parents	Other	Total	People with Physical Disabilities	People with Learning Disabilities	People with Mental Health Problems	Disabled Parents	Other	Total
Ayrshire	49	15	0	0	12	76	611	146	0	0	131	889
Central Scotland	66	4	0	0	0	70	486	24	0	0	0	510
Edinburgh	113	6	1	0	0	120	1,921	56	2	0	0	1,979
Fife	100	41	4	0	45	190	894	253	17	0	338	1,501
Glasgow	20	5	0	0	1	26	133	48	0	0	3	185
Highland and Islands	46	17	4	0	12	79	378	156	52	0	144	730
Lanarkshire	12	8	0	0	2	22	102	165	0	0	14	281
Lothian (excl. Edinburgh)	21	3	2	0	8	34	271	9	3	0	18	301
North East Scotland	78	22	1	0	16	117	703	167	2	0	82	954
South Scotland	111	9	2	0	4	126	632	38	17	0	29	716
West Scotland	45	5	2	0	0	52	264	12	15	0	0	292
Scotland	661	135	16	0	100	912	6,395	1,076	108	0	759	8,338

Table 7: Direct Payments by gender and area, 2004

	Number of Clients			Value of Payments (£,000)			Average Value (£,000)		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Ayrshire	32	44	76	459	430	889	14.3	9.8	11.7
Central Scotland	30	40	70	207	303	510	6.9	7.6	7.3
Edinburgh	49	71	120	886	1,093	1,979	18.1	15.4	16.5
Fife	70	120	190	479	1,023	1,501	6.8	8.5	7.9
Glasgow	16	10	26	127	57	185	8.0	5.7	7.1
Highland and Islands	37	42	79	323	407	730	8.7	9.7	9.2
Lanarkshire	12	10	22	186	95	281	15.5	9.5	12.8
Lothian (excl. Edinburgh)	16	18	34	112	189	301	7.0	10.5	8.8
North East Scotland	48	69	117	232	722	954	4.8	10.5	8.2
South Scotland	58	68	126	375	342	716	6.5	5.0	5.7
West Scotland	21	31	52	99	192	292	4.7	6.2	5.6
Scotland	389	523	912	3,486	4,853	8,338	9.0	9.3	9.1

Table 8: Direct Payments by client group and local authority, 2004

	People with Physical Disabilities	People with Learning Disabilities	Other	Total
Aberdeen City	29	10	1	40
Aberdeenshire	11	4	4	19
Angus	26	6	0	32
Argyll and Bute	24	4	1	29
Clackmannanshire	22	1	0	23
Dumfries and Galloway	32	6	1	39
Dundee City	8	1	0	9
East Ayrshire	22	3	0	25
East Dunbartonshire	1	0	0	1
East Lothian	9	2	2	13
East Renfrewshire	2	0	0	2
Edinburgh	113	6	1	120
Eilean Siar	2	2	0	4
Falkirk	19	0	0	19
Fife	100	41	49	190
Glasgow	20	5	1	26
Highland	27	12	16	55
Inverclyde	0	0	0	0
Midlothian	2	1	1	4
Moray	4	1	12	17
North Ayrshire	14	3	2	19
North Lanarkshire	9	7	2	18
Orkney	13	3	0	16
Perth and Kinross	18	2	0	20
Renfrewshire	7	0	0	7
Scottish Borders	79	3	5	87
Shetland Islands	4	0	0	4
South Ayrshire	13	9	10	32
South Lanarkshire	3	1	0	4
Stirling	7	1	0	8
West Dunbartonshire	11	1	1	13
West Lothian	10	0	7	17
Scotland	661	135	116	912

Table 9: Local Authorities by area

Area	Local Authority
Ayrshire	South Ayrshire North Ayrshire East Ayrshire
Central Scotland	Falkirk Stirling Clackmannanshire Perth and Kinross
Edinburgh	Edinburgh
Fife	Fife
Glasgow	Glasgow
Highland and Islands	Highland Shetland Islands Eilean Siar Orkney
Lanarkshire	South Lanarkshire North Lanarkshire
Lothian (excl. Edinburgh)	West Lothian Midlothian East Lothian
North East Scotland	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire Angus Moray Dundee City
South Scotland	Scottish Borders Dumfries and Galloway
West Scotland	Argyll and Bute East Dunbartonshire East Renfrewshire Inverclyde Renfrewshire West Dunbartonshire