

Statistics Release

Direct Payments Scotland 2005

Introduction

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

The latest figures apply to payments made during the period 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005 under section 12B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

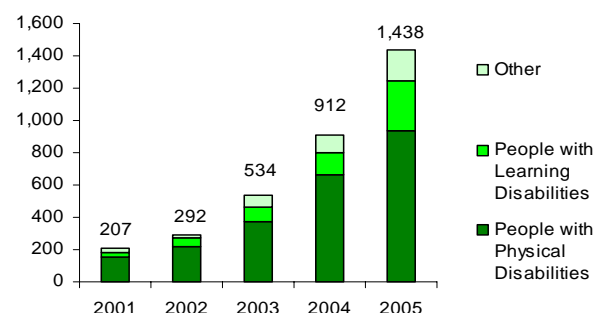
Direct Payments are for **self-directed community care** whereby eligible people purchase and manage for themselves some or all of the care they have been assessed as needing. They are one way of increasing the flexibility, choice, and control people have over the care they receive, so that they can live more independently in their communities.

Direct payments have been available to disabled people aged 18-64 since April 1997, and to disabled people aged 65 and over since 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.

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.

CHART 1:

Number of people receiving direct payments 2001-2005



Main Points

- The number of people in receipt of direct payments has increased from 207 in 2001 to 1,438 in the year to 31 March 2005.

Chart 1 shows the number of direct payment recipients each year.

- Over 40 per cent of people who received direct payments in 2005 were those aged 18-64 with physical disabilities.

Chart 2 shows a summary of payments by age and client group.

- The value of payments has increased by nearly £11.6 million, from £2.1 million in 2001 to over £13.7 million in 2005.

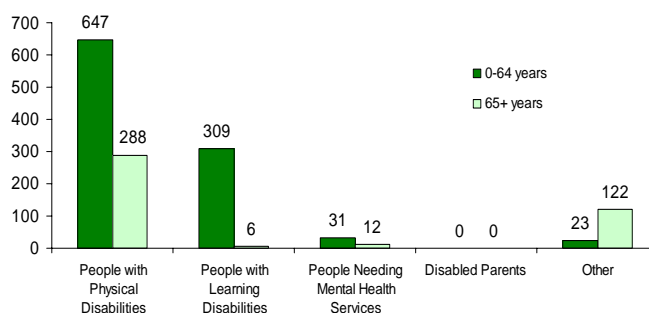
Chart 3, on page 2, shows the value of direct payments made each year.

- Almost a third of people who received direct payments in 2005 were aged 65 or over, compared to only 7 per cent in 2001.

Chart 6 shows the age profile of clients from 2001-2005.

CHART 2:

Number of people receiving direct payments, 2005

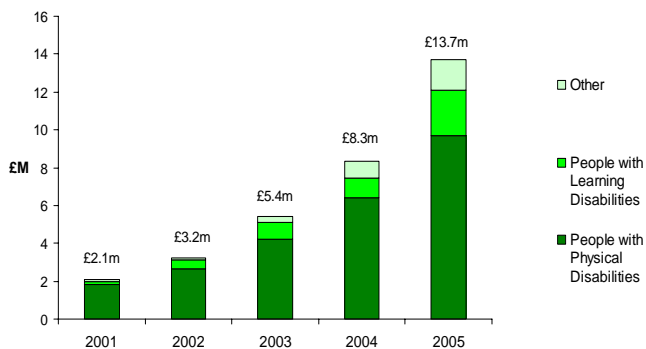


Of the 1,438 direct payments made during the year to 31 March 2005, 65 per cent (935 payments) were made to people with physical disabilities. These payments amounted to almost £9.7 million, approximately 70 per cent of the total amount paid.

Chart 2, above, and Table 2 in the appendix shows a breakdown of the number of clients by age and client group in 2005.

CHART 3:

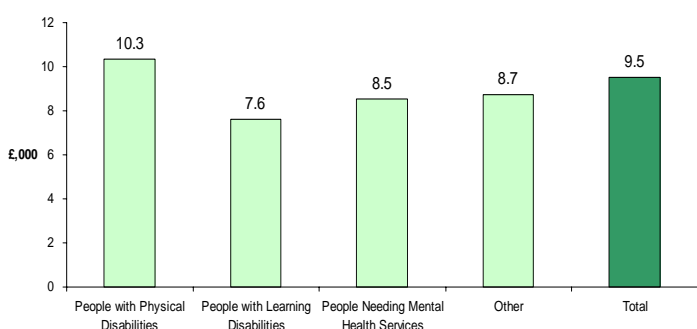
Value of direct payments, 2001-2005



The total value of direct payments has steadily increased from 2001, and £13.7 million was spent in the year to 31 March 2005.

CHART 4:

Average value of a direct payment, 2005

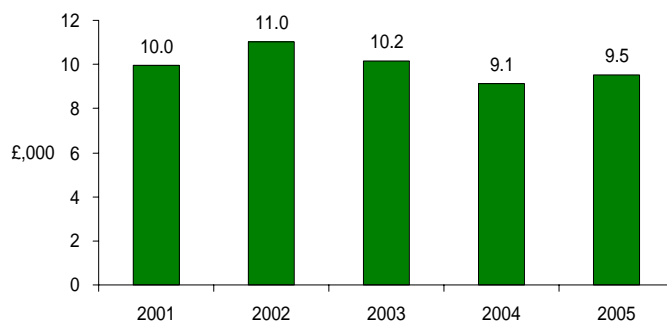


The average value of a direct payment received in 2005 was £9,500 per client. Those who received a direct payment due to a physical disability received the highest average payment (£10,300) and those with learning disabilities received the lowest (£7,600).

Table 3 shows the average payment per client broken down by client group.

CHART 5:

Average value of a direct payment, 2001-2005

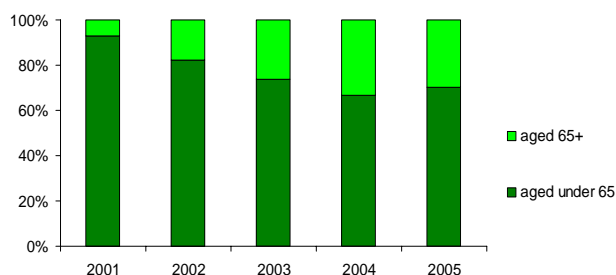


The average value of a direct payment has slightly increased in 2005 to £9,500 per client, after a decrease in preceding years.

Table 3 shows the average value of a direct payment by client group from 2001 to 2005.

CHART 6:

Percentage of people receiving direct payments by age, 2001-2005



The age profile of direct payment clients has changed since 2001, 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 almost a third of all clients in 2005.

In the year to 31 March 2005, just over 1,000 payments (70% of the total) were made to disabled people aged under 65. Direct payments have been available to disabled people aged 65 and over since July 2000 and 428 people in this age group (30% of the total) received payments in the latest year. Note that from 1 April 2005 eligibility was extended to older people aged 65 and over assessed as needing care services due to frailty or old age, but this will not be reflected in the present figures.

Table 4 shows the age profile of clients from 2001 to 2005.

There were slightly more females than males in receipt of direct payments in 2005, 794 compared to 644.

Local Authority Analysis

All Local Authorities made direct payments during the year to 31 March 2005.

Fife council made the most payments (15 per cent of the Scotland total) and these payments amounted to over £2 million. However the City of Edinburgh contributed the greatest value overall, at almost £2.5 million (almost a fifth of the total amount paid). Inverclyde had the smallest number of clients with only three receiving payments.

All but one Local Authority made more direct payments in 2005 than in the previous year – only Angus made fewer.

The average value of a payment increased in 20 of 32 Local Authorities – Midlothian saw the largest increase from an average of £4,300 per client in 2004 to £13,100 in the latest year.

Chart 8 and Table 5 show that Orkney has the largest rate of direct payment clients per 10,000 of population (20.7). Although Fife has most clients it has only the fifth largest rate per population.

Table 1 shows the number and value of direct payments made in 2001-2005 by client group and local authority.

CHART 7:

Number of people receiving direct payments, 2005

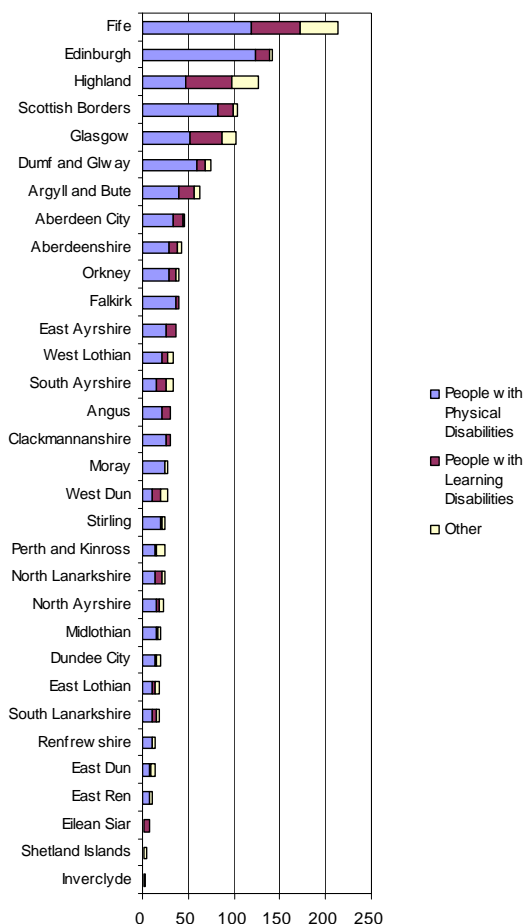
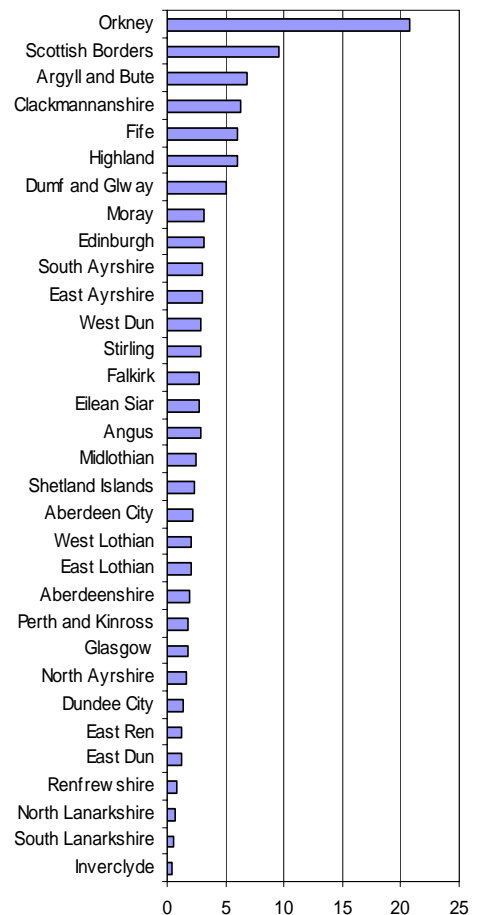


CHART 8:

Rates of clients per 10,000 population, 2005



Background information on the Direct Payments Survey, 2005

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: Number of Direct Payments and value of payments by local authority, 2001-2005

	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)	Number of Clients	Value of Payments (£,000)
Aberdeen City	4	17	4	23	11	42	40	194	46	427
Aberdeenshire	8	21	6	28	11	44	19	75	43	245
Angus	4	37	23	275	30	426	32	458	31	421
Argyll and Bute	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	170	62	737
Clackmannanshire	1	8	4	31	18	69	23	157	30	171
Dumfries and Galloway	7	47	25	84	27	234	39	320	74	442
Dundee City	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	59	20	166
East Ayrshire	0	0	0	0	17	118	25	334	36	405
East Dunbartonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	13	135
East Lothian	5	83	7	103	7	117	13	191	19	354
East Renfrewshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	11	60
Edinburgh	67	1,083	49	1,177	89	1,864	120	1,979	142	2,498
Eilean Siar	0	0	3	7	5	13	4	4	7	18
Falkirk	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	105	40	219
Fife	30	254	64	554	120	822	190	1,501	213	2,066
Glasgow	17	100	16	151	15	147	26	185	102	711
Highland	14	67	23	174	43	447	55	619	126	1,064
Inverclyde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	16
Midlothian	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	20	262
Moray	0	0	5	36	7	76	17	168	28	385
North Ayrshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	163	23	288
North Lanarkshire	3	13	10	156	11	177	18	264	24	300
Orkney	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	44	40	145
Perth and Kinross	4	44	4	53	19	166	20	218	25	219
Renfrewshire	3	28	3	28	3	28	7	52	14	139
Scottish Borders	12	47	20	125	50	226	87	397	103	634
Shetland Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	63	5	76
South Ayrshire	22	168	18	155	31	251	32	392	34	492
South Lanarkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	18	75
Stirling	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	30	25	139
West Dunbartonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	41	27	187
West Lothian	6	47	8	59	19	156	17	92	34	207
Scotland	207	2,064	292	3,220	534	5,422	912	8,338	1,438	13,701

Table 2: Number of Direct Payments and value by age and client group, 2005

	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	36	5	606	288	935	173	46	7,539	1,913	9,672
People with Learning Disabilities	52	19	238	6	315	211	77	2,045	60	2,394
People Needing Mental Health Services	2	0	29	12	43	2	0	258	107	367
Disabled Parents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	7	0	16	122	145	16	0	112	1,139	1,268
Total	97	24	889	428	1,438	403	124	9,955	3,219	13,701

Table 3: Average value of Direct Payments by client group, 2001-2005

	Average (£,000)				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
People with Physical Disabilities	12.2	12.2	11.4	9.7	10.3
People with Learning Disabilities	4.4	8.3	9.9	8.0	7.6
People Needing Mental Health Services	0.0	6.7	6.0	6.8	8.5
Other	3.2	5.4	3.8	7.6	8.7
Total	10.0	11.0	10.2	9.1	9.5

Table 4: Age profile of direct payments clients, 2001-2005

Age Group	Number of clients					Percentage of clients				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
aged under 65	192	240	393	606	1,010	93%	82%	74%	66%	70%
aged 65+	15	52	141	306	428	7%	18%	26%	34%	30%
Total	207	292	534	912	1438	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Number of Direct Payment Clients by Local Authority and Rate per 10,000 of population, 2005

	Number of Clients	Rate
Aberdeen City	46	2.2
Aberdeenshire	43	1.9
Angus	31	2.9
Argyll & Bute	62	6.8
Clackmannanshire	30	6.3
Dumfries & Galloway	74	5.0
Dundee City	20	1.4
East Ayrshire	36	3.0
East Dunbartonshire	13	1.2
East Lothian	19	2.1
East Renfrewshire	11	1.2
Edinburgh, City of	142	3.2
Eilean Siar	7	2.7
Falkirk	40	2.7
Fife	213	6.1
Glasgow City	102	1.8
Highland	126	6.0
Inverclyde	3	0.4
Midlothian	20	2.5
Moray	28	3.2
North Ayrshire	23	1.7
North Lanarkshire	24	0.7
Orkney Islands	40	20.7
Perth & Kinross	25	1.8
Renfrewshire	14	0.8
Scottish Borders	103	9.5
Shetland Islands	5	2.3
South Ayrshire	34	3.0
South Lanarkshire	18	0.6
Stirling	25	2.9
West Dunbartonshire	27	2.9
West Lothian	34	2.1
SCOTLAND	1,438	2.8

Table 6: Number of Direct Payment Clients by client group and Local Authority, 2005

	People with Physical Disabilities	People with Learning Disabilities	Other	Total
Aberdeen City	33	11	2	46
Aberdeenshire	29	9	5	43
Angus	22	8	1	31
Argyll and Bute	39	18	5	62
Clackmannanshire	26	4	0	30
Dumfries and Galloway	60	8	6	74
Dundee City	13	3	4	20
East Ayrshire	26	10	0	36
East Dunbartonshire	8	1	4	13
East Lothian	10	4	5	19
East Renfrewshire	7	0	4	11
Edinburgh	123	15	4	142
Eilean Siar	1	6	0	7
Falkirk	37	3	0	40
Fife	119	53	41	213
Glasgow	52	35	15	102
Highland	48	49	29	126
Inverclyde	2	0	1	3
Midlothian	15	2	3	20
Moray	24	1	3	28
North Ayrshire	16	3	4	23
North Lanarkshire	13	9	2	24
Orkney	29	8	3	40
Perth and Kinross	13	3	9	25
Renfrewshire	10	1	3	14
Scottish Borders	83	16	4	103
Shetland Islands	0	1	4	5
South Ayrshire	15	11	8	34
South Lanarkshire	10	6	2	18
Stirling	20	2	3	25
West Dunbartonshire	10	10	7	27
West Lothian	22	5	7	34
Scotland	935	315	188	1,438