



ScotPHO

The Scottish Public Health Observatory

Working to improve Scotland's health and reduce inequalities

Who we are

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) collaboration is co-led by [ISD Scotland](#) and [NHS Health Scotland](#), and includes the [Glasgow Centre for Population Health](#), [National Records of Scotland](#), [Health Protection Scotland](#) and the [MRC Social & Public Health Sciences Unit](#).

What we do

Through our work we ensure that all those working to improve health and reduce health inequalities in Scotland can find the data and information they need to help them achieve these goals. We do this by:

- Pointing users to key relevant data sources and providing a clear picture of the health of the Scottish population and the factors that affect it
- Contributing to improved collection and use of routine data on health outcomes, risk factors, behaviours and wider health determinants
- Taking a lead in determining Scotland's future public health information needs, and ensuring these are met

Our website, www.scotpho.org.uk, points users to key data sources on health and its determinants and provides overviews and commentary. We publish a variety of one-off [reports](#), and contribute to and lead national public health data projects. Our widely-used [Online Profiles Tool](#) provides access to public health related indicators grouped in a suite of specialist profiles at different geographies including NHS boards and local authorities.

How we work

We work closely with the Scottish Government, NHS boards, Local Authorities, [Scotland's Official Statistics](#) and others involved in public health intelligence in Scotland and beyond. We link to users of local and national health information through the [Public Health Information Network for Scotland \(PHINS\)](#). We also link with the [Scottish Public Health Network \(ScotPHN\)](#) to promote best use of public health information.

The work of ScotPHO is coordinated by a steering group which includes representatives of the partner agencies involved together with colleagues from the Scottish Directors of Public Health, Scottish public health academics, COSLA and the Scottish Government.

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