

Statistics Release

Direct Payments Scotland 2006

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 2005 to 31st March 2006 under section 12B of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

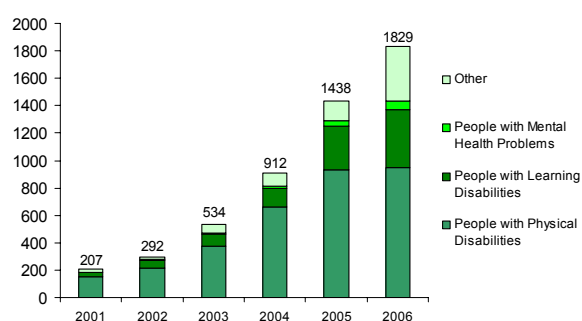
Direct Payments are for **self-directed community care** whereby eligible people purchase and manage for themselves some or all of the care they have been assessed as needing. They are one way of increasing the flexibility, choice, and control people have over the care they receive, so that they can 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 5 conveys further details relating to the collection of direct payments data. Charts are shown on pages 1 to 4 of the publication and data tables are shown in the appendix.

CHART 1:

Number of people receiving direct payments 2001-2006



Main Points

- The number of people in receipt of direct payments has increased from 207 in 2001 to 1,829 in the year to 31 March 2006.

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

- More than half of the people receiving direct payments in 2006 had a physical disability. Over one quarter of people who received direct payments were aged 65 or over, compared to only 7 per cent in 2001.

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

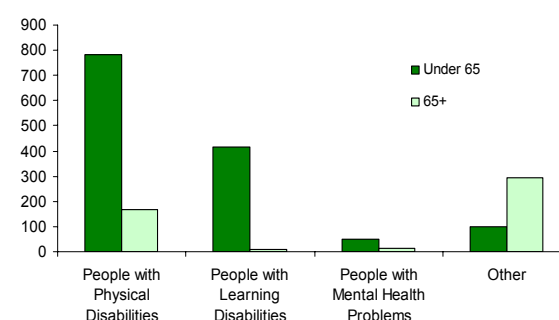
- The value of payments has increased by almost £15.8 million, from £2.1 million in 2001 to over £17.9 million in 2006.

Chart 4, on page 2, shows the value of direct payments made each year.

- The average value of a direct payment was £13,100 per year.
- There were an average of 25 hours per week in direct payment packages.

CHART 2:

Number of people receiving direct payments, 2006



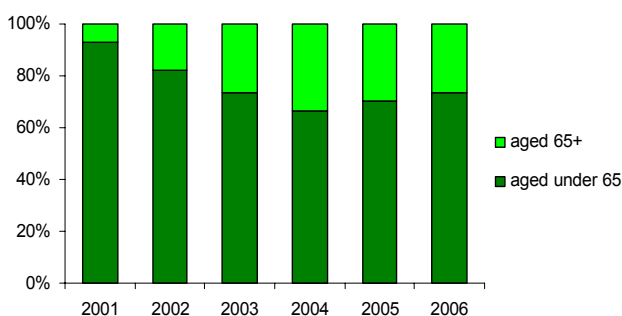
Across Scotland 1,829 people received direct payments in the year 2005/06, an increase of almost 400 (27 per cent) from the 2004/05 level.

More than half (52%) of these 1,829 people received direct payments due to a physical disability. Whilst the number of people in this client group has risen slightly, from 935 in 2004/05 to 950 in 2005/06, the proportion has fallen to its lowest level, largely due to the increasing number of people in the 'other' client group, 75 per cent of whom are aged 65 or over (see table 4).

Chart 2, above, and Table 4 in the appendix show a breakdown of the number of clients by age and client group in 2006.

CHART 3:

Percentage of people receiving direct payments by age, 2001-2006



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 26 per cent of clients in 2006. This proportion has, however, fallen for the second year running from a high of 34 per cent in 2004.

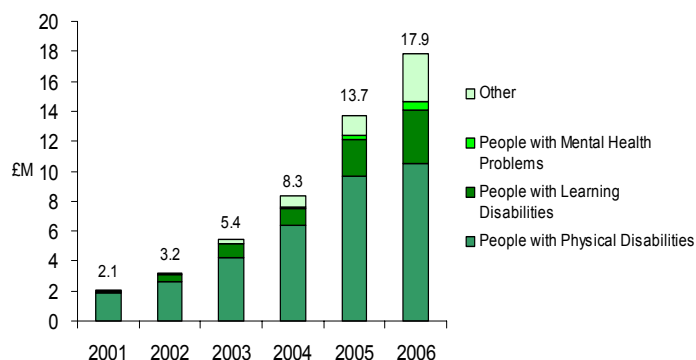
In the year to 31 March 2006, 1,345 payments (74% of the total) were made to disabled people aged under 65. Direct payments have been available to disabled people aged 65 and over since July 2000 and 484 people in this age group (26% of the total) received payments in the latest year. From 1 April 2005 eligibility was extended to older people aged 65 and over assessed as needing care services due to frailty or old age. Overall, however, there has been only a small increase in the number of clients aged 65 and over since 2005.

Table 3 shows the age profile of clients from 2001 to 2006.

There were slightly more females than males in receipt of direct payments in 2006, 986 compared to 843.

CHART 4:

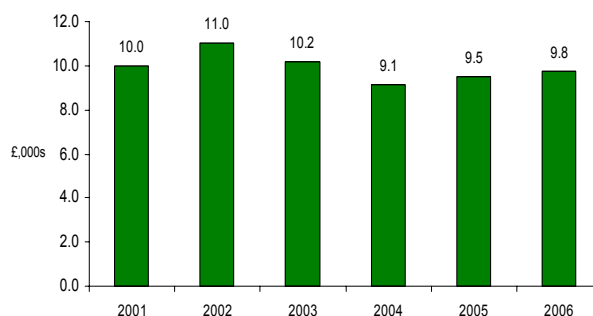
Value of direct payments, 2001-2006



The total value of direct payments has steadily increased from 2001, and £17.9 million was spent in the year to 31 March 2006. Most of this, around £10.6 million, was spent on people with physical disabilities but the proportion of the total value has fallen to its lowest level, 59 per cent.

CHART 5:

Average estimated value of a direct payment, 2001-2006

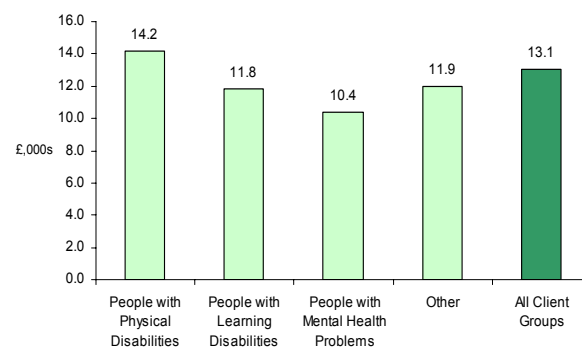


The average value of a direct payment has increased slightly for the second year running, after a decrease in the two preceding years, and stands at £9,800.

Table 5 shows the estimated average payment per client broken down by client group between 2001 and 2006.

CHART 6:

Average value of direct payment by client group, 2006

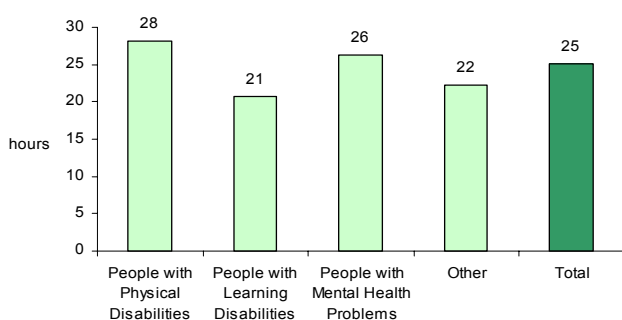


The estimated average values in chart 5 are simply calculated by dividing the total value of direct payments for the year by the number of people who received direct payments during the year.

In 2006, we collected direct payment information individually for each client and this allows us to make a more accurate measurement of the average cost, by taking into account the length of time each client received payments during the year.

Chart 6 shows that the average annual value of a direct payment received in 2006 was £13,100 per client. Those who received a direct payment due to a physical disability received the highest average payment (£14,200) and those with mental health problems received the lowest (£10,400).

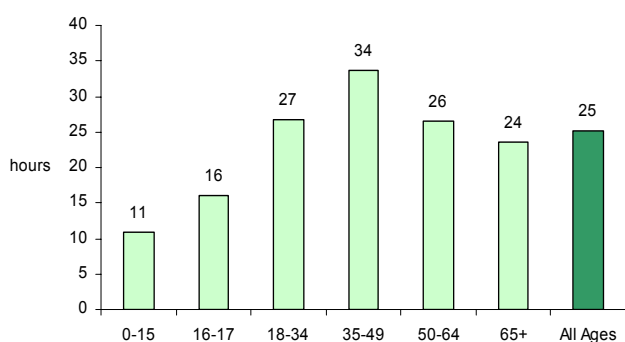
CHART 7:
Average hours in a direct payment by client group, 2006



The number of weekly hours in direct payment packages was collected for the first time in 2005/06. Due to collection difficulties this information was available for 1,563 of the 1,829 clients (85 per cent).

On average there were 25 hours per week in a direct payment package in 2005/06. This varied slightly between client groups with an average of 21 hours per week in direct payment packages for people with learning disabilities and 28 hours per week in those for people with physical disabilities.

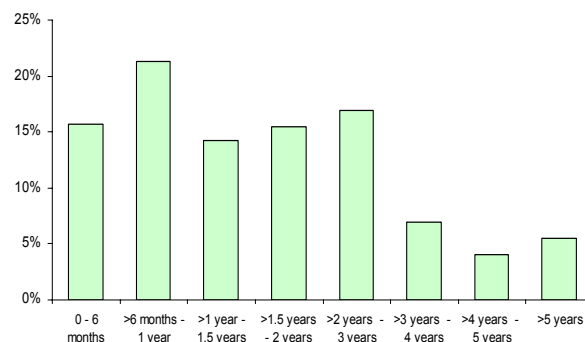
CHART 8:
Average hours in a direct payment by age group, 2006



The average number of weekly hours in a direct payment package also varied between age groups. Clients aged under 16 had an average of 11 hours per

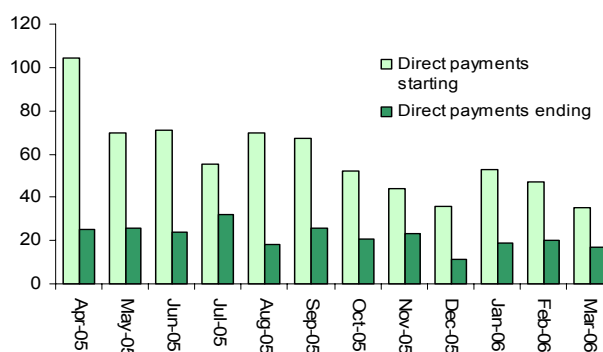
week in their direct payments package whilst those aged 35-49 had an average of 34 hours per week.

CHART 9:
Distribution of length of direct payments, 2006



Of the direct payments which were ongoing on 31 March 2006, 37 per cent had been in place for a year or less. A further 30 per cent had been going for over 1 year but less than 2 years and six per cent of payments had been in place for over 5 years.

CHART 10:
Direct payments starting and ending in 2005-06 by month



Of the 1,829 clients who received direct payments during 2005/06, 1,125 were receiving payments on 01 April 2005. During the year, a further 704 clients started receiving direct payments whilst 262 ceased to receive them. This meant that, on 31 March 2006, 1,567 people were receiving direct payments.

Chart 10 shows the month in which new direct payments began and in which direct payments ended. Sixty two per cent of new direct payments began between April and September 2005 with 104 (15 per cent) beginning in April 2005. Twelve per cent of those direct payments that ended did so in July 2005.

Details of the number of new direct payments and the number that ended in 2005/06, split by local authority, are available in table 7.



Local Authorities were asked to provide details of the type of direct payment provision for the first time in 2005/06. All but two local authorities were able to provide data for at least some clients. Amongst the remaining 30 local authorities data was provided for 1,424 clients. This equates to 78 per cent of all clients.

Each client could have more than 1 type of direct payment provision so percentages do not add up to 100. Sixty-eight per cent of clients received direct payments for personal care and 36 per cent received them for social, educational or recreational activities.

Details of the type of direct payment provision can be found in table 8.

Similarly, 29 local authorities provided data on the type of care delivery – whether the direct payment package is delivered by personal assistants, through a contract with a service provider or a combination of both.

This data was provided for 78 per cent of clients. Again, each client could have more than 1 type of care delivery so percentages do not add up to 100. Sixty-three per cent of these had their package delivered by personal assistants employed directly by the service user and 32 per cent had it delivered through a contract with a service provider.

Details of the type of care delivery can be found in table 9.

Local Authority Analysis

All Local Authorities made direct payments during the year to 31 March 2006.

Fife council made the most payments (14 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 over £2.5 million (14 per cent of the total amount paid). Eilean Siar had the smallest number of clients with five receiving payments.

All but three Local Authorities made more direct payments in 2006 than in the previous year. Eilean Siar made 2 fewer whilst East Ayrshire and North Lanarkshire made the same number.

The average value of a payment increased in 20 of 32 Local Authorities – Glasgow City saw the largest increase from an average of £7,000 per client in 2005 to £11,400 in the latest year.

Chart 12 and Table 10 show that Orkney has the largest rate of direct payment clients per 10,000 of population (23.5). Although Fife has most clients it has the sixth largest rate per population.

Tables 1 and 2 show the number and value of direct payments made in 2001-2006 by client group and local authority.

CHART 11:
Number of people receiving direct payments, 2006

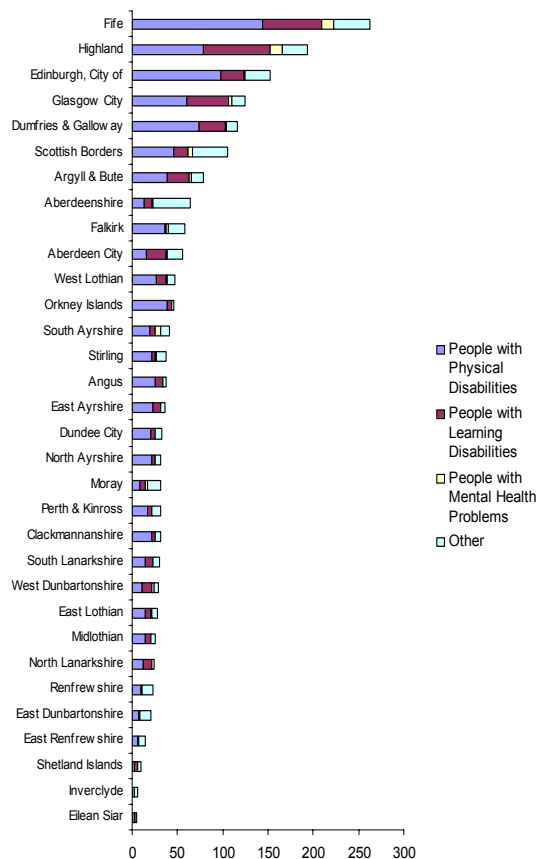
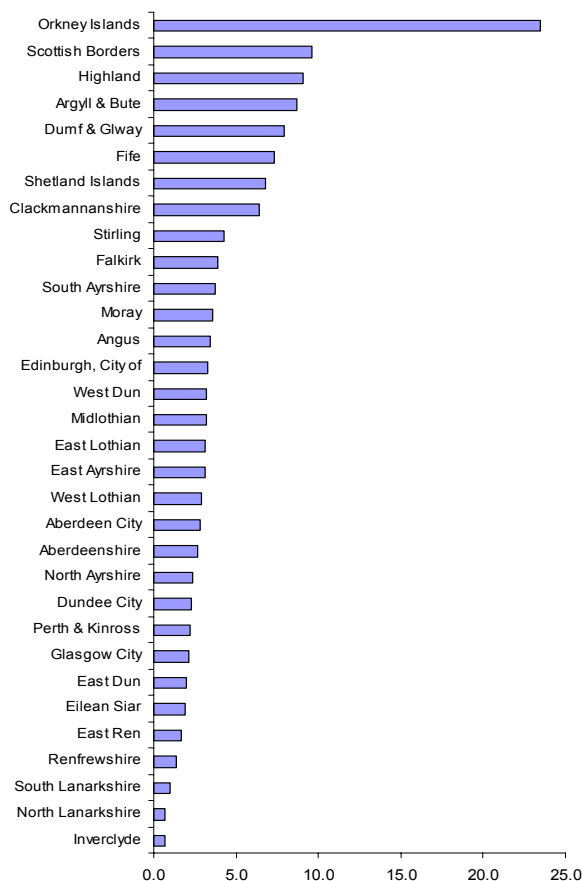


CHART 12:



Background information on the Direct Payments Survey, 2006

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

The format of the survey was changed in 2006 to a person based return. This may have resulted in some inconsistency compared to previous years. The new survey asks for gender, date of birth, client group, value of direct payment throughout the year, weekly hours in the direct payment package, type of direct payment provision and type of care delivery along with a number of other variables.

The new form has allowed for more accurate calculation of average direct payment values. These are calculated by determining for how many days each person received a direct payment in 2005/06. The value of the direct payment is then divided by this number of days and the result is multiplied by 365 to estimate the value of a direct payment if the had client received it throughout the entire year. This can then be averaged to allow more accurate comparisons between, for example, client groups.

The infonote contains average direct payment values calculated using both methods to allow for the continuation of existing time series.

All 32 local authorities provided information. However, as this was the first time the survey had run in this format, a number of Local Authorities had difficulty providing some of the data.

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 (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats>).

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APPENDIX

Table 1: Number of Direct Payments by local authority, 2001-2006

	Number of clients					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Aberdeen City	4	4	11	40	46	56
Aberdeenshire	8	6	11	19	43	64
Angus	4	23	30	32	31	37
Argyll and Bute	0	0	0	29	62	79
Clackmannanshire	1	4	18	23	30	31
Dumfries and Galloway	7	25	27	39	74	116
Dundee City	0	0	0	9	20	33
East Ayrshire	0	0	17	25	36	36
East Dunbartonshire	0	0	0	1	13	21
East Lothian	5	7	7	13	19	28
East Renfrewshire	0	0	0	2	11	15
Edinburgh	67	49	89	120	142	152
Eilean Siar	0	3	5	4	7	5
Falkirk	0	0	0	19	40	58
Fife	30	64	120	190	213	262
Glasgow	17	16	15	26	102	124
Highland	14	23	43	55	126	194
Inverclyde	0	0	0	0	3	6
Midlothian	0	0	0	4	20	25
Moray	0	5	7	17	28	32
North Ayrshire	0	0	0	19	23	32
North Lanarkshire	3	10	11	18	24	24
Orkney	0	0	1	16	40	46
Perth and Kinross	4	4	19	20	25	31
Renfrewshire	3	3	3	7	14	23
Scottish Borders	12	20	50	87	103	105
Shetland Islands	0	0	0	4	5	10
South Ayrshire	22	18	31	32	34	41
South Lanarkshire	0	0	0	4	18	30
Stirling	0	0	0	8	25	37
West Dunbartonshire	0	0	0	13	27	29
West Lothian	6	8	19	17	34	47
Scotland	207	292	534	912	1,438	1,829

Table 2: Value of Direct Payments by local authority, 2001-2006

	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		
	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Value of Payments (£,000)	Estimated Average Value ¹ (£,000)	Average value ² (£,000)
Aberdeen City	17	4.3	23	5.7	42	3.8	194	4.8	427	9.3	517	9.2	12.6
Aberdeenshire	21	2.6	28	4.6	44	4.0	75	3.9	245	5.7	587	9.2	13.1
Angus	37	9.1	275	12.0	426	14.2	458	14.3	421	13.6	642	17.8	18.5
Argyll and Bute	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	170	5.9	737	11.9	1,031	13.1	16.4
Clackmannanshire	8	7.9	31	7.7	69	3.8	157	6.8	171	5.7	186	6.0	10.5
Dumfries and Galloway	47	6.7	84	3.4	234	8.7	320	8.2	442	6.0	993	8.6	11.7
Dundee City	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	59	6.6	166	8.3	351	10.6	14.6
East Ayrshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	118	6.9	334	13.4	405	11.3	446	12.1	15.2
East Dunbartonshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	9.9	135	10.4	275	13.1	21.1
East Lothian	83	16.6	103	14.7	117	16.7	191	14.7	354	18.6	438	15.7	22.8
East Renfrewshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	9.1	60	5.5	120	8.0	13.6
Edinburgh	1,083	16.2	1,177	24.0	1,864	20.9	1,979	16.5	2,498	17.6	2,524	16.5	18.3
Eilean Siar	0	0.0	7	2.2	13	2.5	4	1.0	18	2.6	12	2.4	2.7
Falkirk	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	105	5.5	219	5.5	416	7.2	9.7
Fife	254	8.5	554	8.7	822	6.8	1,501	7.9	2,066	9.7	2,053	7.8	10.0
Glasgow	100	5.9	151	9.4	147	9.8	185	7.1	711	7.0	1,409	11.4	15.3
Highland	67	4.8	174	7.6	447	10.4	619	11.2	1,064	8.4	1,212	6.2	n/a
Inverclyde	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	5.2	26	4.4	8.8
Midlothian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	4.3	262	13.1	337	13.5	14.8
Moray	0	0.0	36	7.2	76	10.8	168	9.9	385	13.8	485	16.7	19.6
North Ayrshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	163	8.6	288	12.5	345	10.8	13.1
North Lanarkshire	13	4.3	156	15.6	177	16.1	264	14.7	300	12.5	350	14.6	n/a
Orkney	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	44	2.8	145	3.6	231	5.0	5.5
Perth and Kinross	44	11.0	53	13.3	166	8.7	218	10.9	219	8.7	382	12.3	16.3
Renfrewshire	28	9.3	28	9.3	28	9.3	52	7.5	139	9.9	178	7.8	13.8
Scottish Borders	47	4.0	125	6.2	226	4.5	397	4.6	634	6.2	700	6.7	9.2
Shetland Islands	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	63	15.7	76	15.2	132	8.8	12.8
South Ayrshire	168	7.6	155	8.6	251	8.1	392	12.3	492	14.5	510	12.4	15.7
South Lanarkshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	4.2	75	4.2	202	6.7	10.3
Stirling	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	3.7	139	5.5	228	6.2	8.8
West Dunbartonshire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	41	3.1	187	6.9	268	9.2	10.4
West Lothian	47	7.9	59	7.4	156	8.2	92	5.4	207	6.1	276	5.9	8.0
Scotland	2,064	10.0	3,220	11.0	5,422	10.2	8,338	9.1	13,701	9.5	17,862	9.8	13.1

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2. In 2006 we collected direct payment information individually for each client and this allows us to make a more accurate measurement of the average cost, by taking into account the length of time each client received payment during the year.

Table 3: Age profile of direct payments clients, 2001-2006

Age Group	Number of clients						Percentage of clients					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
aged under 65	192	240	393	606	1,010	1,345	93%	82%	74%	66%	70%	74%
aged 65+	15	52	141	306	428	484	7%	18%	26%	34%	30%	26%
Total	207	292	534	912	1,438	1,829	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 4: Number of Direct Payments and value by age and client group, 2006

	Number of Clients							Value of Payments (£'000s)						
	0-15	16-17	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	All Ages	0-15	16-17	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	All Ages
People with Physical Disabilities	67	7	155	253	299	169	950	279	37	2,051	3,767	2,920	1,500	10,553
People with Learning Disabilities	95	3	213	66	25	9	424	431	92	1,923	841	193	47	3,527
People with Mental Health Problems	6	2	17	7	18	12	62	22	8	219	73	149	72	542
Other	56	6	8	10	19	294	393	240	26	62	88	114	2,709	3,240
Total	224	31	393	336	361	484	1,829	972	164	4,255	4,769	3,375	4,328	17,862

Table 5: Average estimated value of Direct Payments by client group, 2001-2006

	Average (£'000s)					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
People with Physical Disabilities	12.2	12.2	11.4	9.7	10.3	11.1
People with Learning Disabilities	4.4	8.3	9.9	8.0	7.6	8.3
People with Mental Health Problems	0.0	6.7	6.0	6.8	8.5	8.7
Other	3.2	5.4	3.8	7.6	8.7	8.2
Total	10.0	11.0	10.2	9.1	9.5	9.8

Table 6: Average weekly hours in direct payment package by age group and client group, 2006

	Age Group						
	0-15	16-17	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	All Ages
People with Physical Disabilities	11	12	31	36	27	22	28
People with Learning Disabilities	10	13	23	29	22	12	21
People with Mental Health Problems	19	122	28	18	21	31	26
Other	12	11	16	22	25	24	22
Total	11	16	27	34	26	24	25

Table 7: Number of new and finished direct payments by local authority, 2006

	Clients receiving Direct Payments on 01-Apr-05	Clients whose direct payment began between 01-Apr-05 and 31-03-06	Clients whose direct payment ended between 01-Apr-05 and 31-03-06	Clients receiving Direct Payments on 31-Mar-06
Aberdeen City	39	17	2	54
Aberdeenshire	36	28	14	50
Angus	28	9	3	34
Argyll & Bute	52	27	8	71
Clackmannanshire	22	9	9	22
Dumfries & Galloway	62	54	15	101
Dundee City	17	16	1	32
East Ayrshire	27	9	4	32
East Dunbartonshire	11	10	6	15
East Lothian	17	11	2	26
East Renfrewshire	10	5	3	12
Edinburgh, City of	117	35	13	139
Eilean Siar	4	1	0	5
Falkirk	32	26	19	39
Fife	183	79	27	235
Glasgow City	71	53	7	117
Highland	75	119	67	127
Inverclyde	1	5	3	3
Midlothian	15	10	3	22
Moray	*	32	3	29
North Ayrshire	23	9	3	29
North Lanarkshire	19	5	0	24
Orkney Islands	34	12	3	43
Perth & Kinross	20	11	6	25
Renfrewshire	11	12	6	17
Scottish Borders	72	33	11	94
Shetland Islands	5	5	0	10
South Ayrshire	33	8	8	33
South Lanarkshire	15	15	1	29
Stirling	22	15	6	31
West Dunbartonshire	24	5	3	26
West Lothian	28	19	6	41
Scotland	1,125	704	262	1,567

* Details of direct payments in place at the start of the year were unavailable for one local authority

Table 8: Type of direct payment provision, 2006

Type of DP provision	Clients	% of all clients
Personal Care	967	68%
Health Care	131	9%
Domestic Tasks	441	31%
Social/educational/recreational activities	518	36%
Equipment and temporary adaptations	4	0%
Respite	245	17%
Other	43	3%
Personal Care + Domestic Tasks	375	26%
Personal Care + social/educational/recreational	288	20%
Personal Care + Domestic + social/educational/recreational	183	13%

Note that as more than one type of provision can apply to an individual client percentages do not add to 100.
 Percentages are based on a total of 1,424 clients for whom this data was provided

Table 9: Type of care delivery, 2006

Type of Care Delivery	Clients	% of all clients
Personal assistant (PA) Contract	896	63%
Service Provider	454	32%
Mixed	107	7%
Other	21	1%

Note that as more than one type of care delivery can apply to an individual client percentages do not add to 100.
 Percentages are based on a total of 1,430 clients for whom this data was provided

Table 10: Number of Direct Payment Clients by client group and Local Authority with rate per 10,000 population, 2006

	People with Physical Disabilities	People with Learning Disabilities	People with Mental Health Problems	Other	All	Rate per 10,000 population
Aberdeen City	16	22	1	17	56	2.8
Aberdeenshire	13	9	1	41	64	2.7
Angus	25	9	0	3	37	3.4
Argyll & Bute	39	24	2	14	79	8.7
Clackmannanshire	22	4	0	5	31	6.4
Dumfries & Galloway	74	29	1	12	116	7.9
Dundee City	21	4	0	8	33	2.3
East Ayrshire	23	9	0	4	36	3.1
East Dunbartonshire	7	0	1	13	21	2.0
East Lothian	14	7	1	6	28	3.1
East Renfrewshire	6	1	0	8	15	1.7
Edinburgh, City of	98	25	2	27	152	3.3
Eilean Siar	3	2	0	0	5	1.9
Falkirk	36	2	2	18	58	3.9
Fife	144	65	14	39	262	7.3
Glasgow City	61	46	3	14	124	2.1
Highland	79	73	14	28	194	9.1
Inverclyde	3	0	0	3	6	0.7
Midlothian	15	5	1	4	25	3.2
Moray	8	6	3	15	32	3.6
North Ayrshire	22	3	0	7	32	2.4
North Lanarkshire	12	10	2	0	24	0.7
Orkney Islands	39	4	0	3	46	23.5
Perth & Kinross	17	5	0	9	31	2.2
Renfrewshire	10	1	0	12	23	1.4
Scottish Borders	46	16	4	39	105	9.6
Shetland Islands	3	3	0	4	10	6.8
South Ayrshire	19	7	5	10	41	3.7
South Lanarkshire	15	8	0	7	30	1.0
Stirling	22	4	1	10	37	4.3
West Dunbartonshire	11	11	2	5	29	3.2
West Lothian	27	10	2	8	47	2.9
Scotland	950	424	62	393	1829	3.6

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