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### **DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, 2001/2002**

The results of the third annual survey on drug education in schools are published today by the Scottish Executive Education Department.

In April 2002, local authorities in Scotland were asked to collect information on the drug education provided by all of the schools under their control. Each school was required to give details of whether they provided drug education, what type of drug education they provided and also their procedures for managing incidents of drugs misuse and tobacco smoking. Around the same time, all other schools in Scotland (i.e. independent, grant-aided and opted-out schools) were also asked to provide similar details of their drug education policies and procedures.

Responses were obtained from 99 per cent of local authority schools and 88 per cent of all other schools.

The main findings are:

- In 2001/02, 98 per cent of schools in Scotland provided drug education as compared to 97 per cent in 2000/2001. Virtually all secondary schools said they provided drug education while 99 per cent and 94 per cent of responding primary and special schools said they did so. A greater proportion of local authority schools than other schools provided drug education. (Table 1)
- In 2001/02, 98 per cent of schools provided education on controlled drugs (compared with 93 per cent for 2000/2001) and this proportion was at least as high for safe use of medicine, alcohol, tobacco and solvents. Figures for all types of drug education in education authority schools show increases from 2000/2001. (Table 1)
- 97 per cent of schools provided drug education to each pupil at some point during their schooling, and 94 per cent said that each pupil will receive drug education which provides progression and continuity throughout their schooling (compared with 92 per cent and 87 per cent respectively for 2000/2001). 91 per cent of schools said they provided drug education in line with current national advice. (Table 1)

- 87 per cent of schools reported that they had access to a health education co-ordinator. This figure was higher in the local authority schools.
- 63 per cent of schools with drug education programmes had revised it within the last 2 years, and a further 32 per cent within the last 5 years. In general, secondary schools had revised their programmes more recently than primary schools. (Table 2)
- In 2001/02, 76 per cent of schools had written procedures for managing incidents of drugs misuse in line with current national advice as compared to 64 per cent in 2000/2001. These proportions were 74 per cent, 87 per cent and 80 per cent in primary, secondary and special schools, respectively. Local authority schools were more likely than other schools to have such procedures. (Table 3)
- 67 per cent of schools with procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse had revised these within the last 2 years, and a further 30 per cent within the last 5 years. (Table 4)
- 51 per cent of schools had written procedures for managing incidents of tobacco smoking by pupils and 73 per cent by other school users e.g. teachers and visitors (compared with 37 per cent and 64 per cent respectively in 2000/2001). Primary schools were less likely than other schools to have such procedures for pupils. (Table 5)
- All local authority primary schools in Clackmannanshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, Midlothian, Moray, Renfrewshire, Shetland, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire reported that each pupil will receive drug education which provides progression and continuity and that all types of drug education were covered. In other local authorities, the vast majority of primary schools said that they provided each form of drug education. (Table 6)

**The following tables are available:**

- Table 1 - Schools which provide drug education and the types of drug education involved, 2001/02.
- Table 2 - Schools which provide drug education by when programme was last revised, 2001/02.
- Table 3 - Schools with written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse, 2001/02.
- Table 4 - Schools with written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse by when last revised, 2001/02.
- Table 5 - Schools with written procedures for managing incidents of tobacco smoking, 2001/02.
- Table 6 - Local authority primary schools which provide drug education and the types of drug education involved, 2001/02.

## NOTES TO NEWS EDITORS

1. The survey covers all primary, secondary and special schools but not pre-school education centres. The results exclude responses from a small number of special schools for whom provision of drug education is not appropriate for some or all of their pupils, due to complex learning difficulties.
2. For the purposes of this survey, drugs are defined as mood changing substances including medicine, alcohol, tobacco, solvents and controlled drugs such as, for example, cannabis, cocaine and heroin.
3. Current national advice on drug education is set out in the following:
  - *How Good is our School?* (The Scottish Office, 1996) - performance indicator 1.2 (quality of course or programme).
  - *A Route to Health Promotion* (Aberdeen City Council, HEBS, HMI, 1999).
  - HELP UP-DATE on drug and nutrition education (LT Scotland Curriculum File No 9).
  - 5-14 national guidelines on health education.
4. A school is defined as providing drug education to each pupil if every pupil who stays at that school 'from start to finish' will receive drug education at some point. To provide 'progression and continuity', it would be expected that each pupil would receive drug education at several stages during their time at a particular school.
5. Current national advice on managing incidents of drugs misuse is set out in the following:
  - HMI reports : *Issues in health education and promotion* (1996) and *Drug and nutrition education* (1999).
  - HELP UP-DATE 1998.
  - Guidelines for the Management of Incidents of Drug Misuse in Schools (SDST, SEED, 2000).
6. **This is a National Statistics publication.** National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.
7. Copies of all tables are available through the following hyperlink <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00200-00.asp>
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DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, 2001/02

TABLE 1: SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE DRUG EDUCATION AND THE TYPES OF DRUG EDUCATION INVOLVED, 2001/02

Sector/type of school	Percentage of schools which provide drug education <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of schools which provide drug education on: <sup>1</sup>					Percentage of schools which provide drug education where: <sup>1</sup>		Percentage of schools which provide drug education in line with current national advice <sup>1, 6</sup>	Percentage of schools with access to a health education co-ordinator
		Safe Use of Medicine	Alcohol	Tobacco	Solvents	Controlled Drugs	Each pupil will receive drug education <sup>4</sup>	Each pupil will receive drug educ. which provides progression and continuity <sup>5</sup>		
<b>2001/2002</b>										
<b>Local authority schools</b>										
Primary	99	99	99	99	98	98	97	94	92	89
Secondary	100	97	100	100	99	100	100	99	94	88
Special	94	99	98	99	95	94	88	87	85	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>All other schools<sup>2,3</sup></b>										
Primary	93	90	94	94	88	88	92	87	69	55
Secondary	98	91	98	96	94	96	98	94	77	56
Special	73	79	100	92	96	96	79	75	65	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>All schools<sup>3</sup></b>										
Primary	99	99	99	99	98	98	97	94	92	88
Secondary	100	96	100	100	99	99	100	98	92	85
Special	93	96	98	99	96	95	89	88	83	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>2000/2001</b>										
<b>All schools<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>97</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>--</b>

1. Figures are rounded - 100% may be displayed in some cases where the actual figure is greater than or equal to 99.5%.

2. Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

3. Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

4. A school is defined as providing drug education to each pupil if every pupil who stays at that school 'from start to finish' will receive drug education at some point.

5. A school is defined as providing drug education to each pupil which provides 'progression and continuity in their learning as they move through the school' if every pupil would receive drug education at several stages during their time at a particular school.

6. A school which provides drug education in line with current national advice (see Notes for details) must cover all of the criteria listed in the table.

**DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, 2001/02**

**TABLE 2**  
**SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE DRUG EDUCATION BY WHEN PROGRAMME WAS LAST REVISED, 2001/02**

Sector/type of school	Percentage of schools which provide drug education where programme was last revised:		
	Less than 2 years ago	2-5 years ago	More than 5 years ago / Never
<b>Local authority schools</b>			
Primary	60	34	6
Secondary	72	27	1
Special	60	36	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>			
Primary	83	17	0
Secondary	83	17	0
Special	71	25	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>			
Primary	60	34	6
Secondary	73	26	1
Special	63	33	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>

1. Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

2. Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

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**TABLE 3  
SCHOOLS WITH WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING INCIDENTS OF DRUG MISUSE, 2001/02**

Sector/type of school	Percentage of schools which:			
	Have written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse in line with current national advice	Have written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse <u>not</u> in line with current national advice	Have written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse <u>in</u> preparation	<u>Do not have</u> written procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse <u>and not in preparation</u>
<b>2001/2002</b>				
<b>Local authority schools</b>				
Primary	74	0	12	13
Secondary	91	0	7	2
Special	83	0	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>				
Primary	43	5	13	39
Secondary	56	6	13	25
Special	67	2	11	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>				
Primary	74	0	12	14
Secondary	87	1	7	5
Special	80	1	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2000/2001</b>				
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>

1. Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

2. Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

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**TABLE 4  
SCHOOLS WITH WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING INCIDENTS OF DRUG MISUSE BY WHEN LAST REVISED, 2001/02**

Sector/type of school	Percentage of schools who have procedures for managing incidents of drug misuse where procedures were revised:		
	Less than 2 years ago	2-5 years ago	More than 5 years ago / Never
<b>Local authority schools</b>			
Primary	65	32	3
Secondary	70	28	2
Special	68	31	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>			
Primary	89	11	0
Secondary	87	10	3
Special	71	29	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>			
Primary	66	31	3
Secondary	71	27	2
Special	71	28	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>

1. Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

2. Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

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**TABLE 5  
SCHOOLS WITH WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING INCIDENTS OF TOBACCO SMOKING, 2001/02**

Sector/type of school	Percentage of schools who have written procedures for managing incidents of tobacco smoking by:	
	Pupils	All other school users eg teachers, visitors
<b>Local authority schools</b>		
Primary	48	73
Secondary	67	75
Special	61	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>All other schools<sup>1,2</sup></b>		
Primary	48	59
Secondary	65	63
Special	53	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>All schools<sup>2</sup></b>		
Primary	48	73
Secondary	67	74
Special	63	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>73</b>

1. Covers independent schools and a small number of grant-aided and opted-out schools.

2. Schools which have both primary and secondary departments are counted under both categories.

**TABLE 6**  
**LOCAL AUTHORITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE DRUG EDUCATION AND THE TYPES OF DRUG EDUCATION INVOLVED, 2001/02**

Local authority	Percentage of schools which provide drug education <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of schools which provide drug education on: <sup>1</sup>					Percentage of schools which provide drug education where: <sup>1</sup>			Percentage of schools which provide drug education in line with current national advice <sup>1,4</sup>
		Safe Use of Medicine	Alcohol	Tobacco	Solvents	Controlled Drugs	Each pupil will receive drug education <sup>2</sup>	Each pupil will receive drug educ. which provides progression and continuity <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>97</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>
Aberdeen City	100	98	96	98	96	96	98		91	89
Aberdeenshire	99	99	100	100	98	99	97		92	90
Angus	100	100	100	100	98	100	100		100	98
Argyll & Bute	95	98	94	95	93	90	94		87	80
Clackmannanshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Dumfries & Galloway	99	100	100	100	99	100	99		97	96
Dundee City	98	100	98	100	95	95	88		75	85
East Ayrshire	100	94	89	94	89	94	96		89	83
East Dunbartonshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		92	92
East Lothian	100	100	100	100	100	94	100		100	94
East Renfrewshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Edinburgh, City of	100	99	100	100	100	99	100		98	98
Eilean Siar	93	97	97	100	89	86	97		95	86
Falkirk	98	98	87	100	94	83	94		74	66
Fife	100	97	97	99	99	99	95		91	90
Glasgow City	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Highland	97	97	99	99	93	96	89		77	72
Inverclyde	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Midlothian	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Moray	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
North Ayrshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
North Lanarkshire	100	100	99	100	100	100	98		96	98
Orkney Isles	100	95	100	95	95	100	95		95	67
Perth & Kinross	99	99	97	97	99	99	96		96	92
Renfrewshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		98	98
Scottish Borders	100	100	100	100	96	94	100		100	94
Shetland	97	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
South Ayrshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
South Lanarkshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
Stirling	97	100	100	100	94	94	94		94	92
West Dunbartonshire	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100
West Lothian	100	100	100	100	98	98	100		100	98

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