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Announcement of Changes to the Social Care Publications

The Social Care Statistics Team in the NHS Information Centre has completed a review of our disclosure rules which are designed to reduce the risk of people being identified.

This has resulted in a change to the rounding and suppression rules which are used when disseminating social care data activity, expenditure, staffing and register data.

Previously small numbers between 1 and 6 were suppressed, larger numbers were rounded to the nearest five and a zero was displayed as a zero.

Now, no numbers will be suppressed and all numbers will be rounded to the nearest 5. This means that small numbers previously suppressed will now be rounded to either 0 or 5, so a zero may now be a zero or a number less than 2.5.

The publication outputs this will affect are listed below:

- Personal Social Services: Expenditure and Unit Costs, England Provisional and Final Release [NS]
- Registered Blind and Partially Sighted People - Year ending 31 March [NS]
- Personal Social Services Staff of Social Services Departments England at 30 September [NS]
- Community Care Statistics: Social Services Activity, England Provisional and Final Release [NS]

[NS] denotes that the publication has National Statistics status.

As at 28 June 2011, the following text was added:

For the publications relating to 2009/10 data, no revisions were allowed to council figures previously published as final data. This was discussed and agreed with the Adult Review Group¹ and subsequently communicated to all councils.

This will also apply to publications of 2010/11 data and beyond.

¹ See paper 25/05 for meeting of Adult Review Group on 15 April 2010.

As at 8 November 2011, the following text was added:

Two changes will be made to the 2010/11 report compared to 2009/10.

1) The expenditure line “Supported and Other Accommodation” will be classed as domiciliary care rather than residential care.

2) The following unit costs will be reintroduced after being removed for 2009/10 when the expenditure and activity data were not collected on a consistent basis:

Number	Description
2.30	Adults and older people receiving direct payments per person per week
2.31	Older people receiving direct payments per person per week
2.32	Adults with a Learning disability receiving direct payments per person per week
2.33	Adults with mental illness receiving direct payments per person per week
2.34	Adults with a Physical disability receiving direct payments per person per week
2.25	Adults and older people receiving home care per person per week
2.26	Older people receiving home care per person per week
2.27	Adults with a Learning disability receiving home care per person per week
2.28	Adults with mental illness receiving home care per person per week
2.29	Adults with a Physical disability receiving home care per person per week
2.43	Adults and older people receiving day care per person per week
2.44	Older people receiving day care per person per week
2.45	Adults with a Learning disability receiving day care per person per week
2.46	Adults with mental illness receiving day care per person per week
2.47	Adults with a Physical disability receiving day care per person per week
2.55	Adults and older people receiving meals per person per week
2.56	Older people receiving meals per person per week