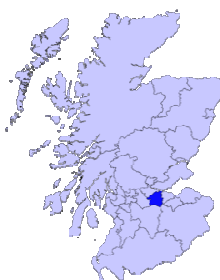


West Lothian



West Lothian Council Smoking Statistics

Smoking Prevalence	%	Above / Below Scottish Average
Current smoking prevalence – local authority area (16 yrs plus) ¹	Male 29% Female 28.8% Total 28.9%	1.7% above
Deaths attributed to smoking between 2000-2004: health board area ¹	25%	1% above
Smoking in first trimester of pregnancy: health board area ²	12.6%	10.1% below
15 year olds who smoke regularly (Scotland figure) ³	Girls 18% Boys 12%	/
13 year olds who smoke regularly (Scotland figure) ³	Girls 5% Boys 3%	/
15 and 13 year old regular smokers who reported buying cigarettes from a shop ³	15 yrs 82% 13 yrs 47%	/

In your area

Within the NHS Lothian area, deaths attributed to smoking are the third highest in Scotland. Smoking prevalence is highest in the 25-34 and 35-44 age groups and drops progressively in older age groups¹.

NHS Lothian has the lowest rate of smoking in the first trimester of pregnancy²

NHS Lothian has a Tobacco Control Strategy which is monitored by a Tobacco Strategy Project Board and supported by a Smoking Cessation Co-ordinator. The strategy aims to ensure that community organisations, the voluntary sector, and councils are involved in the development of future smoking cessation services and tobacco related work in partnership with the NHS⁴.

West Lothian Tobacco Issues Group is multi-agency partnership between statutory and voluntary organisations and has attracted additional funding for West Lothian⁴.

The Lothian University Hospitals Division has a dedicated stop smoking facilitator who provides support for patients. This service is expected to develop to having at least one stop smoking worker based in each Lothian hospital⁴.

Stop smoking facilitators have been employed across Lothian to deliver support to young people in community education and schools⁴.

National View

It is estimated that 24% (13,500 deaths) of all deaths in Scotland in 2004 were attributable to smoking with 89.5% of all lung cancer deaths attributable to smoking¹. Amongst those in middle age (35-69) an average of 22 years of life are lost per death from smoking¹.

In 2003/04 it is estimated that there were approximately 1.1 million adult smokers in Scotland, 27.2% of the adult population¹.

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