

A review of the use of Compulsory Treatment Orders (CTOs) by the Old Age Psychiatry Service in West Lothian



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Background

- As part of the Mental Welfare Commission strategic review in 2017, the decision was made to publish monitoring reports on the use of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.
- Across Scotland, for all ages, the number of CTOs per 100,000 of the population is 28.2.
- We undertook a review of the use of CTOs by the Old Age Psychiatry service in West Lothian.

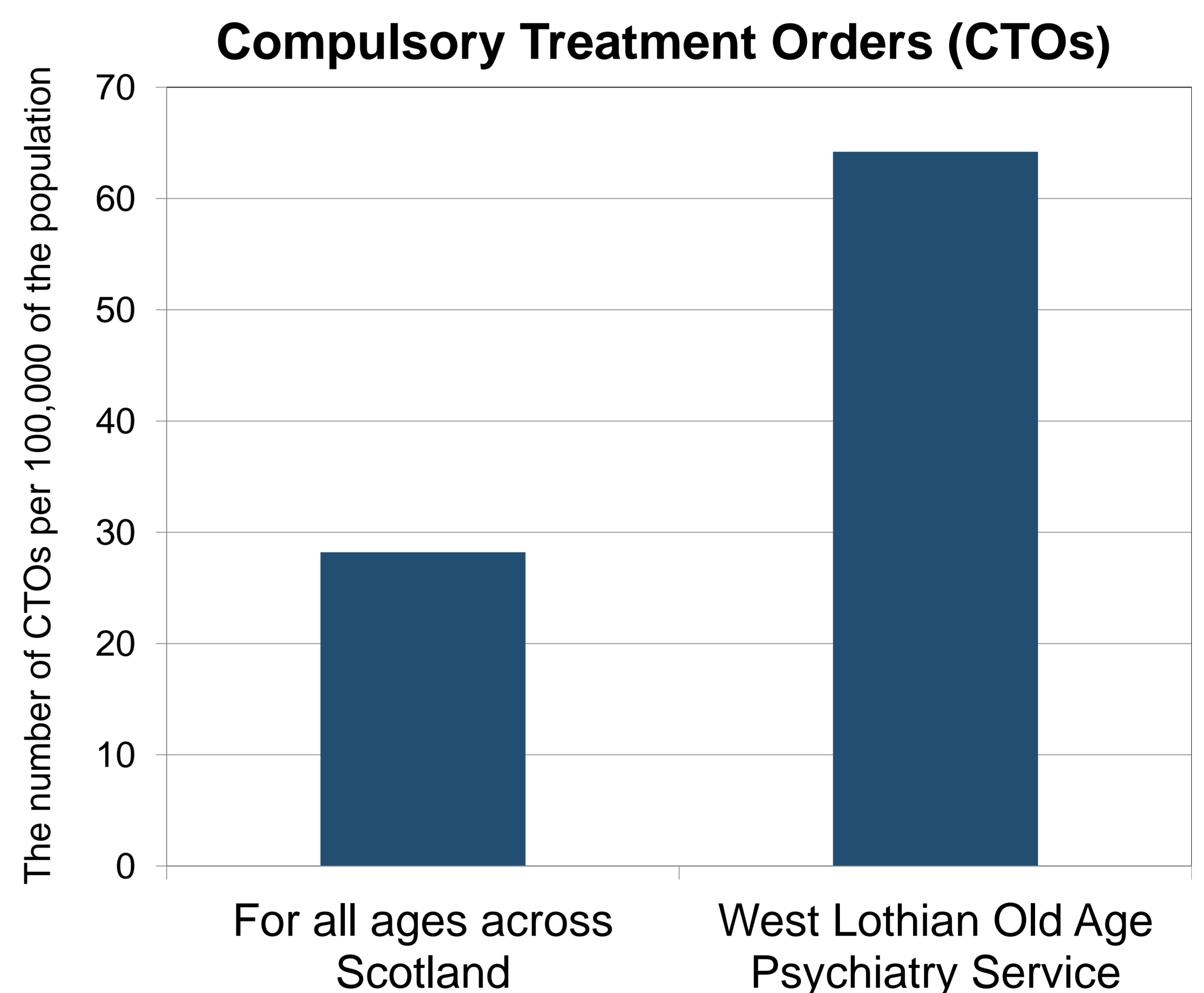


Method

- To estimate the number of individuals in West Lothian under the care of Old Age Psychiatry, data from Public Health Scotland was used to calculate the number of individuals aged over 65 years old in West Lothian.
- Local records were searched to identify Old Age Psychiatry patients who were being treated under a CTO.

Results

- Based on GP practice figures there are 31,129 individuals aged over 65 years old in West Lothian
- There are 20 patients being managed by Old Age Psychiatry who are detained under a CTO.
- Of the 20 patients, 11 have dementia and are in long term NHS hospital based complex clinical care (HBCCC).
- For the West Lothian Old Age Psychiatry Service, the number of CTOs per 100,000 is 64.2.



Conclusion

- The number of CTOs for patients under the West Lothian Old Age Psychiatry service is higher than the national average rate of CTOs for individuals of all ages in Scotland.
- However a significant proportion of CTOs in Old Age Psychiatry are for patients with dementia who require specialist HBCCC.
- Looking to the future, to better understand how CTOs are used in Scotland, specialty specific monitoring would be beneficial.

Reference

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, 2019. MHA monitoring report 2018-19. Annual statistical monitoring.