

SECTION M STAFFING AND FACILITIES

The staffing and facilities in Scottish renal units were surveyed on 30 August 2011 by distribution of an electronic questionnaire to each parent unit. The response rate was 100%.

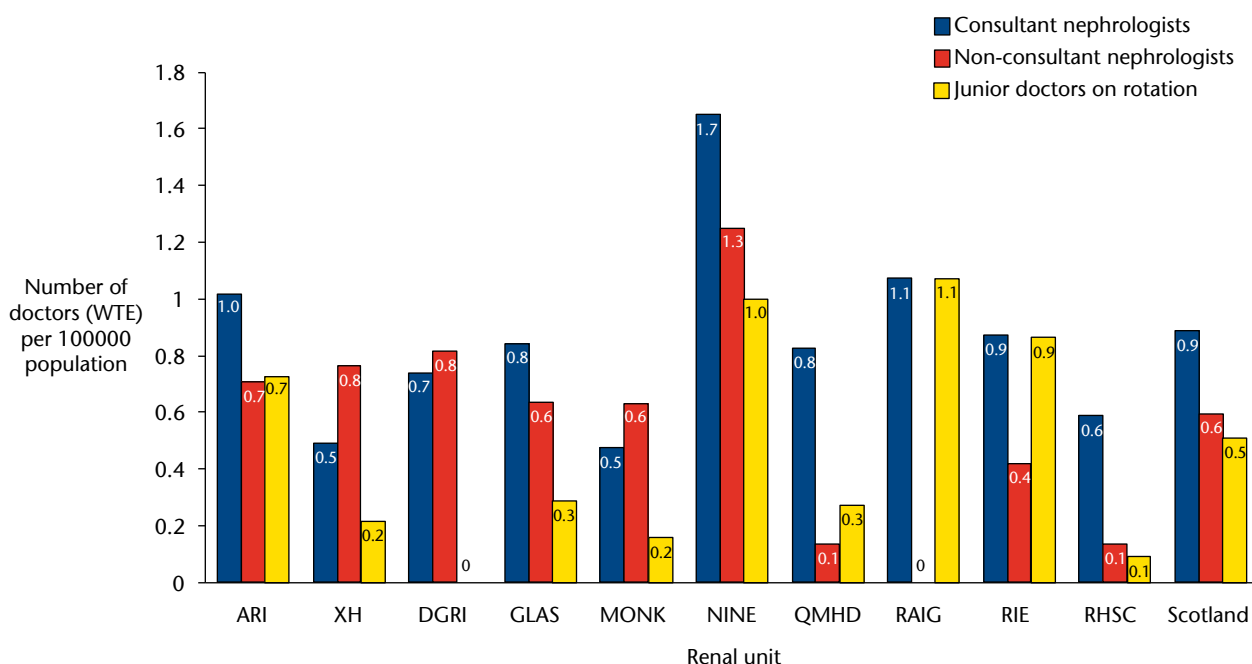
The results were compared with those of the previous SRR surveys conducted on 30 August 2007 and 2009.

The findings were compared with the recommendations of the British Renal Society (BRS)¹ and Royal College of Physicians London (RCP)².

On the survey date there were 10 parent units (nine adult and one paediatric) and 23 satellite haemodialysis units.

Selected results are shown here. The full survey report and survey form including definitions is available on the SRR website at: http://www.srr.scot.nhs.uk/Renal_Main.htm

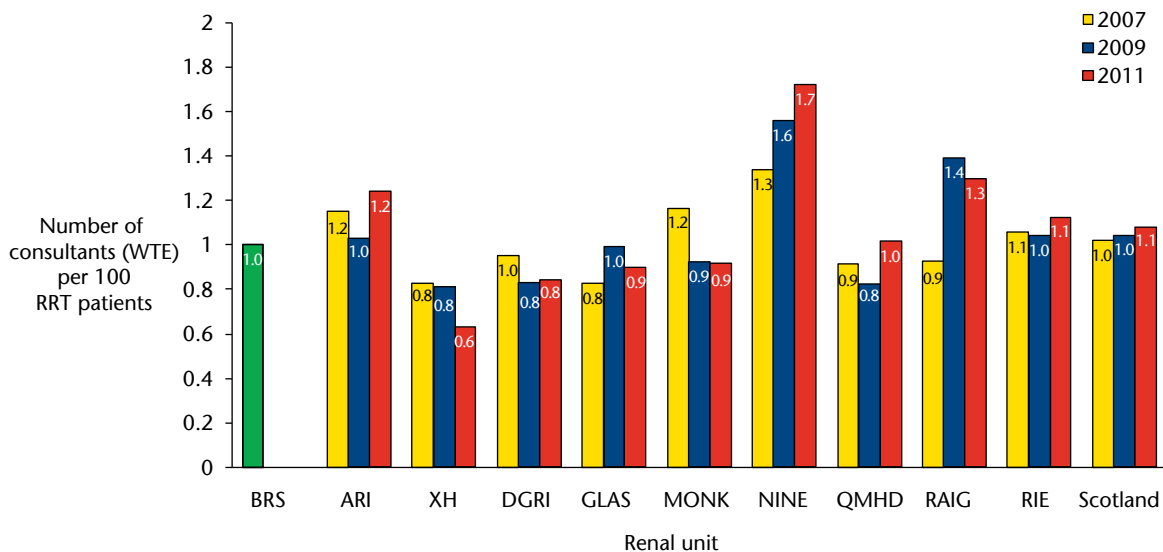
M1 Number of medical staff (clinical WTE) per 100000 population by renal unit on 30 August 2011



WTE: whole time equivalent

Non-consultant nephrologist includes ST 3 – 7 trainees and non-consultant career grade doctors.

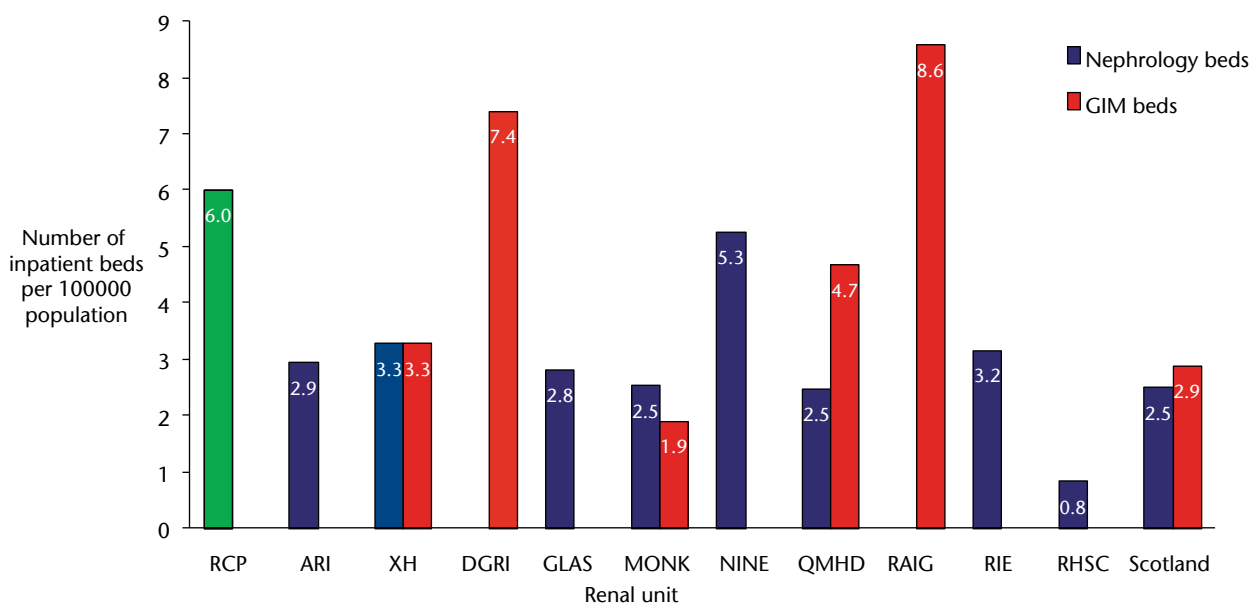
M2 Number of consultant nephrologists (clinical WTE) per 100 patients receiving RRT by renal unit on 30 August 2007, 2009 and 2011



All numbers are rounded to one decimal place, this accounts for the difference in height of bars with the same value label.

The British Renal Society (BRS) recommendation is for 1 WTE nephrologist per 100 adult patients receiving RRT. This is shown in the green bar.

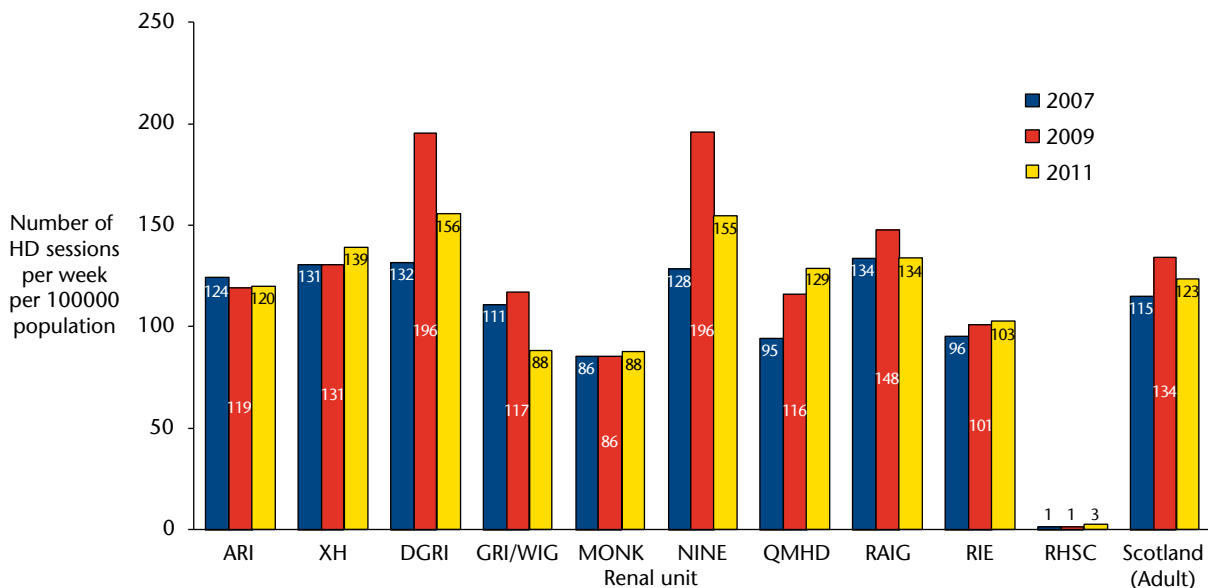
M3 Number of inpatient beds available per 100000 population by renal unit on 30 August 2011



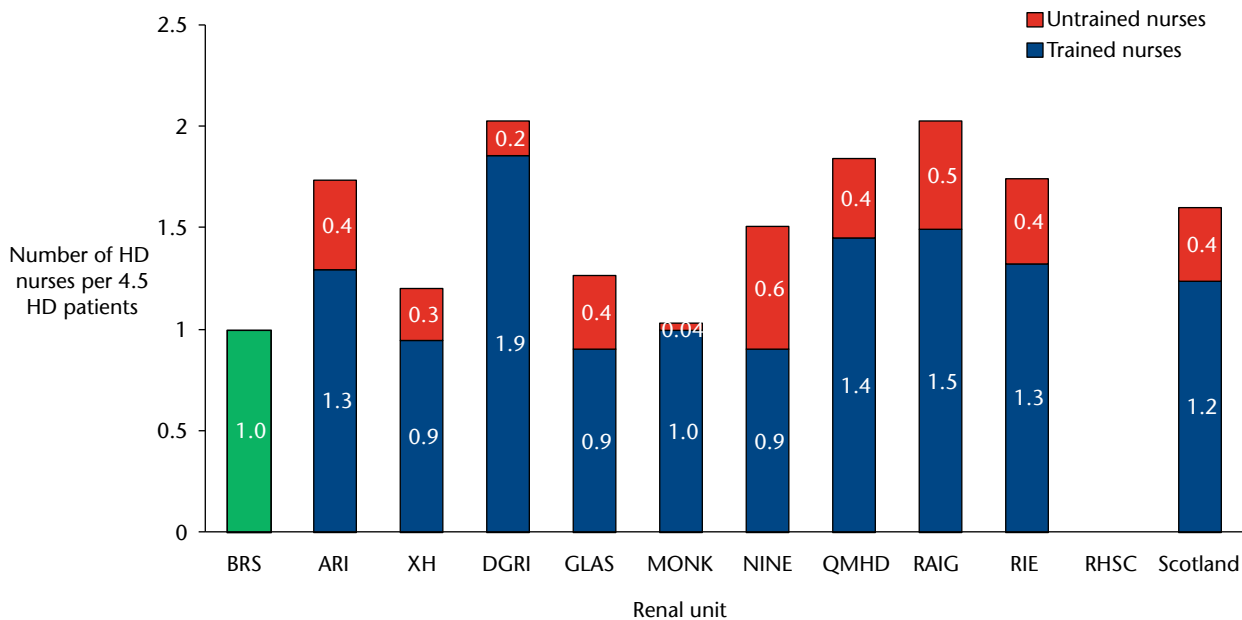
GIM: General internal medicine

The recommendation of the Royal College of Physicians (London) (RCP) is shown in the green bar.

M4 Number of haemodialysis sessions available per week per 10000 population by renal unit on 30 August 2007, 2009 and 2011

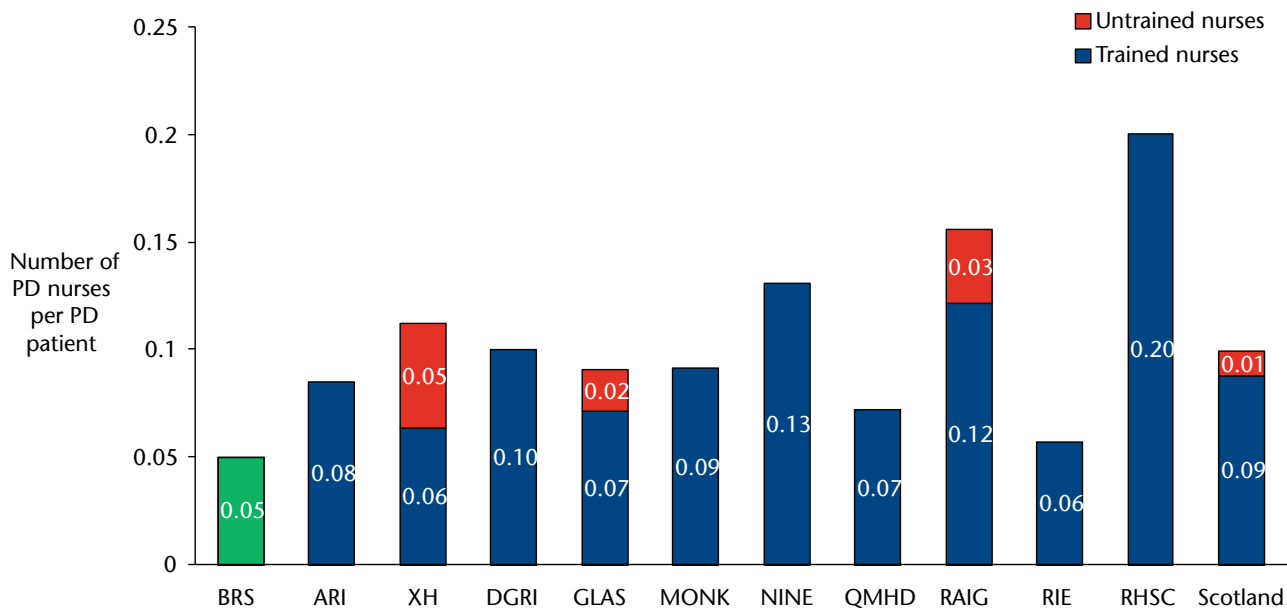


M5 Number of haemodialysis nurses per 4.5 haemodialysis patients by renal unit on 30 August 2011



British Renal Society (BRS) recommendations suggest 1 WTE haemodialysis nurse per 4.5 haemodialysis patients.

M6 Number of peritoneal dialysis nurses per peritoneal dialysis patient by renal unit on 30 August 2011



British Renal Society (BRS) recommendations suggest 1 WTE peritoneal dialysis nurse per 20 peritoneal dialysis patients (equivalent 0.05/ 1 patient).

References

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