

STAT PIs 2024-25 - Notes of interest

Overall indoor, outdoor and pools admissions combined show a 2.2% increase compared to the previous year.

The swimming lesson admissions have increased overall by 13% due to programme expansion. A move to all year-round delivery of pre-school lessons (in line with the school age and adult lessons programme) from October 2024 also had a positive impact. These previously were only delivered during school term.

All pools except Bridge of Don Pool show increased admissions due in part to the increases in the swim lessons programme. Bridge of Don Pool shows a decrease of 3% in admissions due to a number of maintenance closures throughout the year for work to repair boilers and emergency lighting.

At Get active at Kincorth, indoor usage increased by 19%, due to further expansion of weekday opening hours.

All venues were impacted by severe weather for a week in mid-November and some days in January 2025. This led to cancellation of some coached programme classes and delayed opening or earlier closing of venues due to weather conditions and travel warnings. This particularly impacted venues with a busy early morning fitness class programmes such as Get active at Northfield, Get active at Sheddocksley and Get Active at Jesmond. An overall reduction in admissions of 8% was experienced for November 2024. Get active at Sheddocksley also had some reduction in sports hall availability due to essential maintenance being undertaken.

Get active at Northfield Outdoor usage saw a reduction in admissions due in part to weather conditions and also the cancellation of bookings by a large football club which had ceased operating. The re-opening of the tennis courts after extensive refurbishment in June 2024 and court admissions accounted for 5% of the venue outdoor annual admissions. Ongoing programme development and the recently added floodlighting is expected to help grow the admissions.

Adventure Aberdeen Kingswells/Cromdale showed a decrease of 3,492 admissions due to a reduction in the number school attendances/bookings. A shifting focus to more targeted work with smaller groups or individual young people also impacted on admissions. A shortage of qualified outdoor instructor particularly during the first quarter of the year further impacted admissions.

Outdoor usage at Ruthrieston tennis courts increased by 2229 (89%) following the re-opening of the courts in June 2024. The courts had been closed for refurbishment from November 2023 to May 2024.

Hazlehead football pitches show an increase of 19,282 users compared to the previous year due to the letting of the pitches to a group of football teams who have made regular weekly usage of the pitches and also hosted SFA football festivals.

The Aberdeen Tennis Centre & Westburn OSC saw a very positive outdoor usage increase of 62% due to increased bowling admissions and the first full year of operation of the padel courts (which opened in summer of 2023) and a maturing programme of activities and usage. A number of promotions and programme development activities also saw increased usage of the outdoor tennis courts.