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Place of Death from Cancer (2011)

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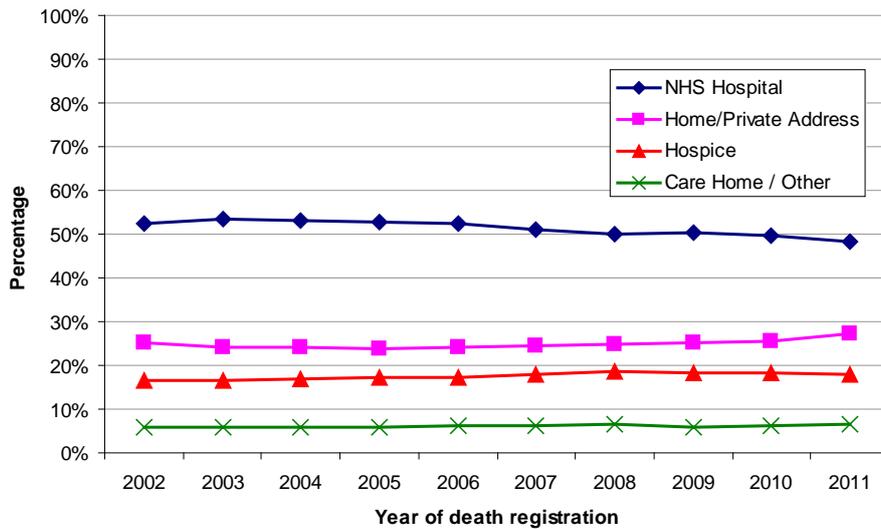
About this Release

This report examines where deaths from cancer occur in Scotland, taking into account demographic characteristics. Information is presented for all malignancies combined, and for the four main cancers (breast, colorectal, prostate and lung), for all of Scotland.

Key Points

- In the five year period, 2007-2011, half of the deaths in Scotland from cancer occurred in NHS hospitals (38,157 out of 76,510). A quarter of deaths from cancer were at home (19,457), while 18% were in hospices (13,894).
- The overall pattern described above has also been consistent over the 10 year period 2002-2011, with only a small decrease in the percentage of deaths occurring in hospital and a small increase in the percentage of deaths occurring at home.

Figure 1. Trends in place of death from cancer by year of death registration, Scotland, 2002-2011



Source: Death data from National Records of Scotland (NRS); additional information from ISD SMR01.

Background

The Scottish Government's [Living and Dying Well Action Plan](#), in conjunction with [Better Cancer Care](#) and the [Better Health, Better Care Action Plan](#), addresses palliative and end of life care for patients with life limiting conditions such as organ failure, cancer and dementia. Information provided by this publication will assist the NHS in Scotland in ensuring that palliative and end of life care needs are recognised in all care settings.

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