

Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed between April 2013 and March 2016

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About this release

This is the second publication of the National Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators by the Information Services Division. The report assesses performance against twelve performance indicators developed by colorectal cancer specialists working in Scotland. The information reported has been collected from clinical audits and hospital records. This report provides an opportunity to review NHSScotland performance against these measures.

Main points

- There were 3,344 people diagnosed with colorectal cancer in Scotland during 2015/16.
- The target for the mortality rate 30 days following elective surgery is to be below 5%. Overall in Scotland, in each of the three years this was achieved. In 2015/16, for example, the percentage of patients who died within 30 days of surgery was 1.3%.
- The estimated three year survival rate for patients aged 55-64 diagnosed with colorectal cancer during 2010 and 2012 was 69% for both males and females.

Background

National cancer quality performance indicators have been developed to support continuous quality improvement in cancer care. NHS Boards are required to report these indicators as part of the mandatory national cancer quality programme. They have been developed collaboratively by the [North of Scotland Cancer Network](#), [South East Scotland Cancer Network](#), [West of Scotland Cancer Network](#) and [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#) and the Information Services Division.

The next release of colorectal cancer quality performance indicators may include changes or refinements to indicator definitions and measurability criteria based on a review of this publication.

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Report

- [National report on Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- Supporting [data tables and graphs illustrating the figures](#) can also be downloaded.
- Information on [Colorectal cancer survival](#) is also available.

Colorectal Cancer Indicators

- A document detailing the colorectal cancer indicators is available from [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#).

Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

- Information Services Division: [Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- For more information on the [National Cancer Quality Programme - Scottish Government letter CEL 06 2012](#).

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