

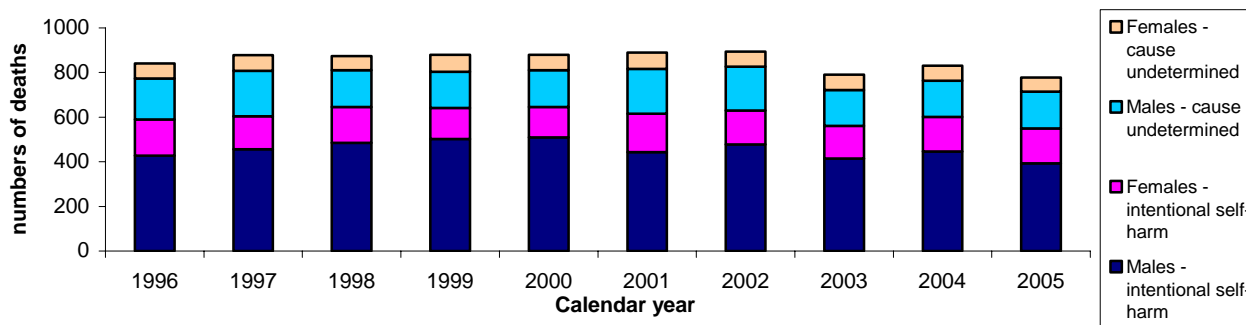


Delivering our aims

We continue to believe that better information allows better decisions to be taken and better care to be delivered. The programme is working to achieve this aim through a number of activities that are laid out at [our website](#). For more details contact alastair.philp@nhs.net or follow the [blue links](#) below.

Improving access to nationally consistent information: graph of the month

Deaths due to intentional self-harm or undetermined intent, Scotland 1996-2005



This graph is based on data provided by the [General Register Office for Scotland](#). Considerable additional data, including rates by age, NHS board, local authority area and month, and international comparisons, are available in the statistics section at www.chooselife.net prepared by the Public Health Information Programme at ISD. Further detail on how deaths come to be classified as due to intentional self-harm and undetermined is also contained in the statistics section at www.chooselife.net. Choose Life is the national strategy and action plan to prevent suicide in Scotland.

National meeting to promote improvements in mental health information

The fifth annual Improving Mental Health Information Programme Conference - iMHIP06 - will be held on 16 Nov 06 in Edinburgh at Dynamic Earth. The provisional programme for the event and registration form are [now available](#).

Building consensus on what information to share and how

Two Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs) participating in test implementation of the [Information Core for Integrated Care \(ICIC\)](#), one in each of NHS Lothian and Forth Valley, went live with data collection during the week beginning 14 Aug. Both teams will collect ICIC data 'real-time' into their existing Patient Information Management System (PIMS). For more details please contact fiona.black@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk

Testing by NHS Lothian of the [Psychiatric Inpatient Clinical Discharge Summary Information Set \(PIC-DSIS\)](#) began on 21 Aug. We will have initial results on their experiences by mid November. Final work also continues to allow testing in Forth Valley and Borders. For more details please contact Margaret.Mason@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.

Following small modifications in light of the national consultation on the ICIC and PIC-DSIS datasets, the multi-disciplinary working groups responsible for their creation have approved final versions for submission to the [National Clinical Dataset Development Programme \(NCDDP\) Board](#). When they are approved by the NCDDP board, the two datasets will become part of data standards for NHS Scotland and part of the all-Scotland [Health and Community Care Data dictionary](#).

Supporting national policy developments

As usual we have been involved in work in several areas during the last month. This includes:

- A meeting of the [Mental Health Delivery Plan](#) group, and other work, to discuss indicators for benchmarking among services, and for national performance management.
- Work with NHS [Quality Improvement Scotland](#) to consider how information will require to be collected and used to support integrated care pathways (ICPs).