Unintentional Injuries – Falls

Hospital Admissions: year ending 31 March 2017
Hospital Admissions: quarter ending 31 March 2017

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About this release

This release by the Information Services Division provides yearly and quarterly information on the number and rate of emergency hospital admissions resulting from a fall. Information is also provided by age group, sex, NHS Board and council area.

Data for the financial year 2016/2017 and quarter January-March 2017 are provisional.

Main Points

- The provisional data show there were 34,376 emergency hospital admissions for a fall during 2016/2017.
- 60.6% of these falls occurred in people aged 65 and over.
- A seasonal pattern can be seen in the quarterly data with more admissions for falls occurring in the winter months in older people, and more admissions in the summer months in the younger age groups.
- There was no indication of a substantial change to the trend over the period April 2013 to December 2016.

Background

The information comes from hospital administrative systems across Scotland, up to and including the financial year 2016/17.

Quarterly data has been provided in order to assess data completeness for 2016/2017. Data were extracted on 16 May 2017 and the number of emergency hospital admissions for falls for the quarter January-March 2017 was approximately 94.5% complete when compared to the same quarter for the previous year. Data for the financial year 2016/2017 and quarter January-March 2017 should therefore be considered provisional, and care should be taken when interpreting results.
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Further Information
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Further information can be found in the full Unintentional Injuries Report and in the Unintentional Injuries Dashboard.

The next release of this publication (Unintentional Injuries – Falls, year ending March 2018) is scheduled for May 2018.