Unintentional Injuries - Falls
Hospital Admissions: year and quarter ending
31 March 2018
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About this release
This release by 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, gender, NHS Board and council area.

Data for the financial year 2017/18 and quarter January-March 2018 are provisional.

Main Points
- In 2017/18, 60% of falls occurred in the 65 and over age group.
- The rate of falls in those aged 65 and over has increased from 19.5 per 1,000 in 2008/09 to 21.4 in 2017/18.
- 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.

Emergency Hospital Admissions Resulting from a Fall, by Age Group, Scotland,
Quarter ending June 2014 to March 2018
Background
The information comes from hospital administrative systems across Scotland, up to and including the financial year 2017/18.

Quarterly data has been provided in order to assess data completeness for 2017/18. Data were extracted on 14th of May 2018 and the number of emergency hospital admissions for falls for the quarter January-March 2018 was approximately 93.9% complete when compared to the same quarter for the previous year. Data for the financial year 2017/18 and quarter January-March 2018 should therefore be considered provisional, and care should be taken when interpreting results.

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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 2019) is scheduled for May 2019.

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