Unintentional Injuries – Falls

Hospital Admissions: year ending March 2018 and quarter ending 31 December 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 financial year 2018/19 and quarter January to March 2019 are incomplete therefore this release only includes data up to December 2018. A revision to this publication, including data up to March 2019, will be released in August 2019.

Main Points

- In 2017/18, 6 out of every 10 falls resulting in hospital admission occurred in the 65 and over age group.
- The rate of falls in those aged 65 and over in the quarter October to December 2018 was 5.8 per 1,000 population.
- Seasonal patterns can be seen in the quarterly data with more admissions for falls occurring in the winter months in older people and, in contrast, 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 2015 to December 2018
Background

The information comes from hospital administrative systems across Scotland, up to and including December 2018 for quarterly data and March 2018 for annual data. Data were extracted on 15th May 2019. The number of emergency hospital admissions for falls for the quarter January-March 2019 was incomplete and therefore not included. A revision to this publication, including data up to March 2019, will be released in August 2019.

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Further information can be found in the full Unintentional Injuries Report and in the Unintentional Injuries Dashboard.

This publication will be revised in August 2019. The next release of this publication (Unintentional Injuries – Falls, year ending March 2020) is scheduled for Spring/Summer 2020.

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