

Publication Summary



Percentage of End of Life Spent at Home or in a Community Setting

Financial years ending 31 March 2006 to 2010

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About this Release

Published for the first time, this release provides information on **Quality Outcome Measure 10: Percentage of last 6 months of life spent at home or in a community setting**. These data are shown by financial year from 2005/06 to 2009/10 at Scotland, Health Board, Council Area and Community Health Partnership level.

The measure is under development and the definitions are subject to change in light of stakeholder feedback. This may result in future revisions to the published data in accordance with ISD's revisions policy.

Key Points

- At Scotland level, 2009/10 data shows that, on average, the proportion of the last 6 months of life spent at home or in a community setting is 90.7%
- This represents a marginal increase from 90.4% in 2005/06.
- Across health boards, the proportion of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting in 2009/10 varies between 88.4% and 93.6%.

Background

This Quality Outcome Measure focuses on measuring the impact of "Living and Dying Well" and in particular on its objective to "produce achievable and measurable changes which will ensure quality improvement and enhance patient and carer experience".

The proportion of time spent at home or in a community setting towards the end of life provides a high level indication of progress in implementation of the national action plan. These data can be inferred by measuring the amount of time spent in an acute setting during the last months of life (using hospital admissions data) and from this estimating the time spent at home or in a community setting.

It is envisaged that an increase in this measure will reflect both quality and value through more effective, person centred and efficient end of life care with people being better able to be cared for at home or closer to home with a planned approach to end of life care resulting in less time in an acute setting.

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