

Publication Summary



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

Financial years ending 31 March 2007 to 2011

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About this Release

Published for the second time, these data are presented by financial year from 2006/07 to 2010/11 at Scotland, Health Board, Council Area and Community Health Partnership level.

In response to stakeholder feedback, the patient cohort now includes causes of death where a fall is mentioned on the death record. Additional tables to break the national figures by: Gender, Age, Deprivation and Rurality are also now included. These changes have been agreed with stakeholders to improve the relevance of the measure to national policy and to provide further demographic detail to the user.

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 2010/11 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 90.5% in 2006/07.
- Across health boards, the proportion of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting in 2010/11 varies between 88.1% and 93.8%.
- There is little difference between males (90.7%) and females (90.8%) in the proportion of their last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting.
- Older people aged 85 and above spent 91.6% of their last six months of life at home or in a community setting in 2010/11, a slightly higher proportion than those in younger age groups.

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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