

Publication Summary



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

Financial years ending 31 March 2008 to 2012

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About this Release

Published for the third time, this release provides information on **Quality Outcome Measure 10: Percentage of time in the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting**. These data are presented by financial year from 2008/09 to 2011/12 at Scotland, Health Board, Council Area and Community Health Partnership level. Tables providing a breakdown of the national figures by: Gender, Age, Deprivation and Rurality are also included.

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 2011/12 data shows that, on average, the percentage of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting is 91.2%, representing a marginal increase of 0.7% from 90.5% in 2007/08.
- Across health boards, the percentage of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting in 2011/12 varies between 88.5% and 94.7%.
- There is little difference between males (91.1%) and females (91.3%) in the percentage of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting in 2011/12.
- Older people aged 85 and above spent 92% of their last six months of life at home or in a community setting in 2011/12.
- In 2011/12, the percentage of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting is higher in the 20% least deprived areas in Scotland (92%) than in the 20% most deprived areas (89.9%).
- Across the urban rural 6-fold classification, the percentage of the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting varies in 2011/12 between 90.3% in 'large urban areas' and 93.8% in 'remote small towns'.

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 percentage 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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