About this Release
This Information Services Division release provides information on the percentage of time in the last six months of life spent at home or in a community setting. Data in this release are presented by financial year from 2009/10 to 2013/14 by NHS board of residence, council area and for Scotland. Information is also presented by gender, age, deprivation and urban/rural classification.

Key Points
- Of the approximately 50,000 Scottish residents who died in 2013/14, 91% of their last 6 months of life was spent at home or in the community and the remaining 9% of time was spent in an acute hospital. This is similar to the previous year.

- There is some variation between NHS Boards, with the percentage ranging from 89% to 93%, in part reflecting the provision of community hospitals in different parts of the country.

- There is little variation in the percentage between those living in the most deprived areas and those living in the least deprived areas (90% compared to 91%).

- People living in the more rural areas of Scotland spent a greater percentage of their last 6 months of life at home or in the community than those living in large urban areas (94% compared to 90%).

Background
This Quality Outcome Measure focuses on measuring the impact of the Scottish Government’s “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 the implementation of the national action plan. This is 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.

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