

Publication Summary



Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed during 2012

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About this Release

First publication of the Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicators relating to patients diagnosed in 2012.

Key Points

This report assesses performance against 11 [Breast Cancer QPIs](#) using clinical audit and SMR01 data relating to patients diagnosed with breast cancer for the period from January to December 2012. This was the first year of QPI data collection, therefore, this report provides the first opportunity to review performance against these new measures and as such, contains only one year, rather than three years of data, as will be the norm in future publications. Future reporting of Breast QPIs may include changes or refinements to indicator definitions and measurability criteria based on a review of this first publication.

- There were 4754 breast cancer patients treated across NHSScotland in 2012, of which 1163 were treated in NOSCAN, 2364 in WoSCAN and 1227 in SCAN.
- Overall performance against the 11 breast cancer QPIs is consistently high across all NHS Boards; however no individual unit or NHS Board met all 11 QPI targets. This suggests that the target levels for the QPIs are challenging.
- It is encouraging that a number of the QPIs relating to surgical management in particular are consistently well met across the country, these include: non-operative histological diagnosis, pre-operative assessment of the axilla, conservation rate for patients with small breast cancers, and surgical margins. It is of note that some targets were met by almost all units with ease suggesting that the target levels may warrant adjustment in the future.

Background

These QPIs have been developed collaboratively with the three Regional Cancer Networks: North of Scotland Cancer Network ([NOSCAN](#)), South East Scotland Cancer Network ([SCAN](#)), West of Scotland Cancer Network ([WoSCAN](#)), [Information Services Division](#) (ISD), and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. The QPIs are published on the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland website](#).

These indicators, used to drive quality improvement in cancer care across NHSScotland are kept under regular review; NHS Boards will be required to report against QPIs as part of a mandatory [national cancer quality programme](#).

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Further Information

Further information on the Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (2012) can be found in the [Publication Report](#).

Further information on Cancer Quality Performance Indicators can be found on the [Cancer QPI](#) section of the ISD website.

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