

Publication Summary



Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed with bowel cancer during April 2013 to March 2014

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About this Release

This is the first publication of the National Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) by the Information Services Division. The report assesses performance against eleven performance indicators, developed by colorectal (bowel) cancer specialists working in Scotland. The information reported has been collected from clinical audits and hospital records. This report provides the first opportunity to review NHSScotland performance against these challenging measures.

Key Points

- There were 3,399 people diagnosed with colorectal (bowel) cancer in NHSScotland from 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014.
- All NHS Boards in Scotland were within the 5% target for the proportion of patients with bowel cancer who die within 30 days of planned surgery to remove all or part of a tumour.
- Where this surgery was carried out as an emergency, the mortality rates were generally higher; three NHS Boards did not meet this 15% target.
- Less than 1% of patients with colorectal cancer died within the 30 days following following chemotherapy or radiotherapy across Scotland.
- No individual NHS Board met all eleven indicators

Background

National cancer quality performance indicators have been developed to drive continuous quality improvement in cancer care. NHS Boards are required to report these indicators as part of the mandatory national cancer quality programme. They have been developed

collaboratively by the [North of Scotland Cancer Network](#), [South East Scotland Cancer Network](#), [West of Scotland Cancer Network](#) and [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#) and the Information Services Division.

The next release of colorectal cancer quality performance indicators will include three years of data; and may include changes or refinements to indicator definitions and measurability criteria based on a review of this first publication. Future reporting will include 90 day as well as 30 day mortality rates.

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Further Information

Report

- [National report on Colorectal Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- Supporting [data tables and graphs illustrating the figures](#) can also be downloaded.

Colorectal Cancer Indicators

- A document detailing the colorectal cancer indicators is available from [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#).

Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

- Information Services Division: [Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- For more information on the [National Cancer Quality Programme - Scottish Government letter CEL 06 2012](#).

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