

Head and Neck Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed during April 2014 to March 2015

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About this release

This is the first publication of the National Head and Neck Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) by the Information Services Division. The report assesses performance against eleven performance indicators developed by head and neck 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.

Main points

- There were 1,149 people diagnosed with head and neck cancer in NHSScotland from 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015.
- Of these, around half (43%) were smokers at the time of diagnosis.
- Less than 0.5% of patients with head and neck cancer diagnosed in Scotland died within the 30 days following surgery, chemotherapy or radiotherapy.
- No NHS Board met all eleven performance standards.

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 head and neck 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.

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Report

- [National report on Head and Neck Cancer Quality Performance Indicators](#)
- Supporting [data tables and graphs illustrating the figures](#) can also be downloaded.
- Information on [head and neck cancer survival](#) is also available.

Head and Neck Cancer Indicators

- A document detailing the head and neck 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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