



Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

Patients diagnosed between January 2018 and December 2020

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About this release

This release by Public Health Scotland (PHS) presents performance against the National Breast Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) in the Cancer QPIs dashboard held within the Scottish Cancer Registry and Intelligence Service (SCRIS).

Main points

- There were 4,235 women diagnosed with Breast Cancer in Scotland in 2020. This was a large reduction from the previous years (5,021 women were diagnosed in 2019 and 5,026 in 2018).
- The large reduction in 2020 numbers will be due to the pausing of the breast screening services (March 30th – August 3rd), as well as COVID-19 restrictions.
- At Scotland level for 2020, the target was met for eight of the 16 indicators, though pandemic restrictions have affected performance against QPI 6(i).
- Some of the QPI targets have proved challenging to achieve consistently over the three years (QPIs 9, 11(i), 16 and 18(i)).
- It is reassuring however that some QPIs achieved the target in 2020 for the first time (QPIs 8(ii), 10 and 17). QPIs continue to be a driver for improvement and some progress has been made despite the effects of the pandemic.

Background

National cancer quality performance indicators have been developed to support continuous quality improvement in cancer care. NHS Boards are required to report these indicators against a clinically agreed indicator specific target as part of the mandatory national cancer quality programme. They have been developed collaboratively by **North Cancer Alliance**, **South East Scotland Cancer Network**, **West of Scotland Cancer Network**, **Healthcare Improvement Scotland** and PHS.

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Further information

Access

The Cancer QPIs are located within the SCRIS dashboard, thus bringing all the cancer data together in the one place. Access to the Cancer QPIs dashboard is restricted and is accessible via <https://useraccess.nhsnss.scot.nhs.uk>.

Reports

For further information please refer to the West of Scotland Cancer (**WoSCAN**), **North Cancer Alliance (NCA)** and South East of Scotland Cancer (**SCAN**) published reports.

Breast Cancer Indicators

Definitions and details on updating or archiving **Breast Cancer** indicators are available from Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

Cancer Quality Performance Indicators

PHS: **Cancer Quality Performance Indicators**

For more information on the **National Cancer Quality Programme - Scottish Government letter CEL 06 2012**.

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