

# Core brief

Tuesday, 23 August 2016

## Introduction

This issue details a Scottish Government press release on a fall in hospital mortality.

---

## Fall in hospital mortality

Figures published today show that between January to March 2014 and January to March 2016, hospital mortality has fallen by 4.5%, which equates to 3,000 fewer deaths than predicted during the period.

These figures are taken from the first publication of the Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) figures using new methodology which looks at progress towards the new aim of a 10% reduction in hospital mortality by December 2018 compared to the quarter January to March 2014.

This builds on the achievements of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) – a national programme led by Healthcare Improvement Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, which aims to improve the safety and reliability of healthcare across Scotland.

Previous figures show that hospital mortality dropped by 16.5% - or 20,000 fewer deaths than predicted – between October to December 2007, when the SPSP was set up, and October to December 2015.

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Are your contact details up-to-date? [Click here](#) to check