

Use of NHS services

- During their last asthma attack 87 (45%) of the 195 patients died without seeking medical assistance or before emergency medical care could be provided
- Of patients who died 112 (57%) were not recorded as being under specialist supervision during the 12 months before their death
- There was a history of prior admission for asthma in 90 of 190 cases (47%)
- Nineteen (10%) of the 195 died within 28 days of discharge from hospital following treatment for asthma
- At least 40 (21%) of the 195 people who died had attended an emergency department with asthma at least once in the previous year, and of these 23 had attended twice or more