

## **Prescribing and medicines use**

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There was evidence of inappropriate prescribing in the following areas:

- Excessive prescribing of reliever medication: 39% had been prescribed more than 12 short-acting reliever inhalers in the year before they died, while 6 (4%) had been prescribed more than 50 reliever inhalers
- Under-prescribing of preventer medication
- Inappropriate prescribing of long-acting beta-agonist bronchodilator inhalers. Twenty seven (14%) of those who died were prescribed a single device long-acting beta-agonist bronchodilator at the time of death