

## Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

### Vital Events Statistics Update

#### 1. Introduction

This paper summarises the recent developments and improvements in vital events.

#### 2. Healthy Life Expectancy

NRS published estimates of healthy life expectancy for the first time on 27 February 2019. These were previously published by ISD but following a revision of methodology by ONS, it was decided that NRS would produce the Scottish estimates from now on, adopting the new methodology for comparability with figures for England and Wales. It is our intention for these statistics to be included in the life expectancy in Scottish areas publication which is released in December each year.

#### 3. Mortality Trends

Work continues on assessing the reasons for the change in the mortality (and life expectancy) trend. We have been working on an academic paper with colleagues in NHS Health Scotland and ISD and plan to submit this to a journal within the next few weeks.

#### 4. Babies' Names

The final lists for 2018 were published on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The baby names app has been updated to allow you to compare two different names.

<https://scotland.shinyapps.io/babynames/>

#### 5. Dates for Forthcoming Publications

12 June – Births, Deaths and other Vital Events 2019 Q1

26 June – Vital Events Reference Tables 2018 and Deaths from selected causes 2018

July – Drug-related Deaths 2018

September - Births, Deaths and other Vital Events 2019 Q2

September – Life Tables for Scotland 2016-2018

October – Winter Mortality 2018/19

December - Births, Deaths and other Vital Events 2019 Q3

December – Life Expectancy in Scottish Areas (including Healthy Life Expectancy) 2016-2018

December – Provisional baby names 2019

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