

Causes of Death - summary lists

The codes used in the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (Tenth Revision) (ICD-10) can be grouped in a number of ways to produce lists which show the main types of cause of death. The National Records of Scotland (NRS) outputs may use a number of different summary lists, depending how detailed a breakdown they are to provide.

These lists include.

- Full 3-character list - this shows all the 3-character ICD-10 codes for which at least one death was recorded during the specified year. It is used in Vital Events Reference Table 6.4).
- 66 category list - this is closely based on a short list of 65 categories recommended by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union. The NRS list presents 66 categories (the extra category in the NRS list is 'malignant neoplasm of the larynx', which is combined with 'trachea, bronchus and lung' in the 65 category list). The NRS list also includes sub-totals for all the main ICD-10 Chapters. In the tables which use this list, the sum of the figures for the categories that are shown as being included within a particular Chapter may not agree with the sub-total for that Chapter, because the list's categories do not cover the whole of every Chapter. For example, in Chapter IV (which covers codes E00 to E90), the list shows only one category ('E10-14 Diabetes mellitus'), and does not even have a category for 'all other causes in Chapter IV'. This list is used in Vital Events Reference Tables 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.
- Stillbirth and infant death summary lists - these lists highlight causes of death which are associated with stillbirths and infant deaths (deaths in the first year of life). They are used in Vital Events Reference Tables 4.4 to 4.7.