

CGA/19/30 - Prescribing for common mental health disorders amongst people with cancer: a data linkage study

Poor mental health amongst people with cancer may affect cancer treatment, recovery, quality of life and survival. However, we do not know how often people with cancer receive treatment (e.g. antidepressants) for anxiety and depression, what factors increase the likelihood of treatment, or when they are most at risk of developing mental health problems. We will explore prescribing rates for anxiety and depression medications amongst people diagnosed with cancer in Scotland. This preliminary data analysis will facilitate an ambitious programme of research that will form the basis of a fellowship application exploring the comorbidity between cancer and common mental disorders.