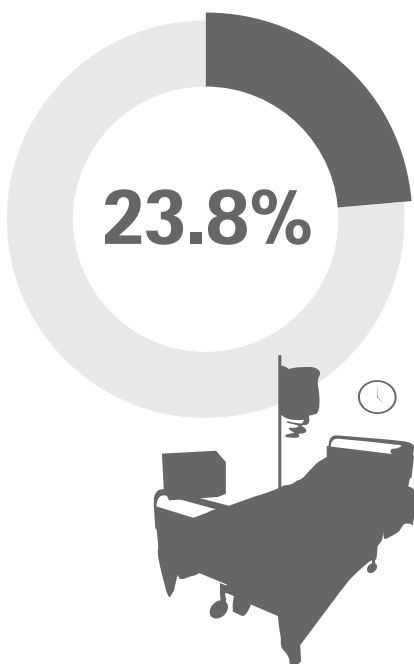


# Death and dying in Wales

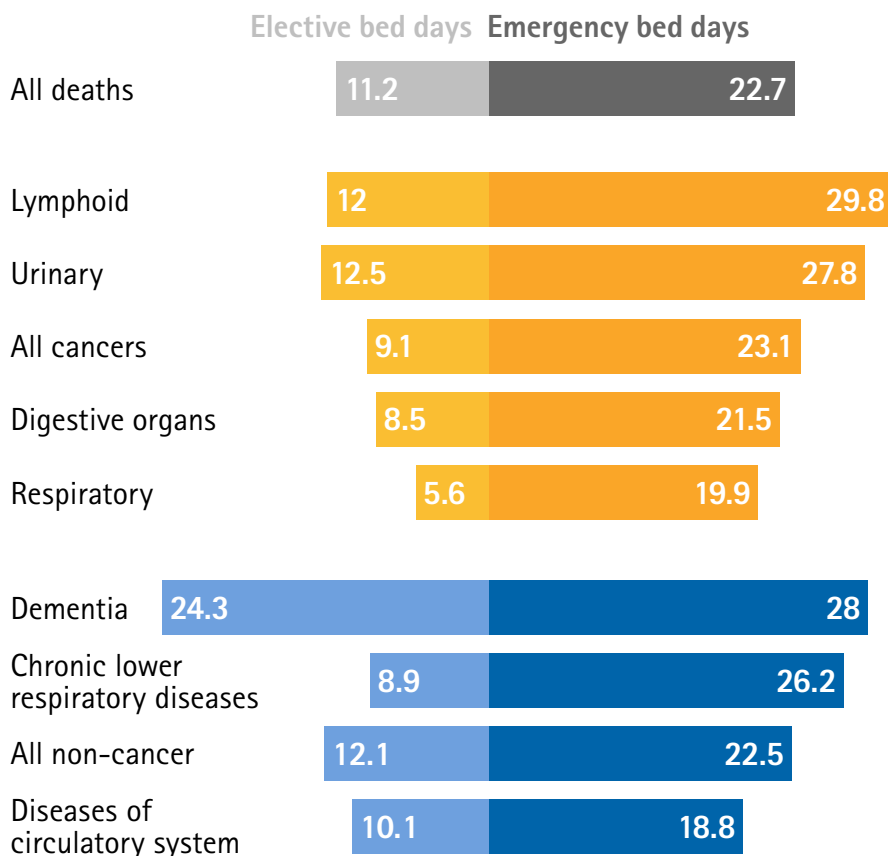
Each year approximately 32,000 people in Wales die. The number of bed days and access to specialist palliative care in the last year of life vary considerably for both **cancer** and **non-cancer** diagnoses.

## Bed days in the last year of life make up a quarter of total bed days



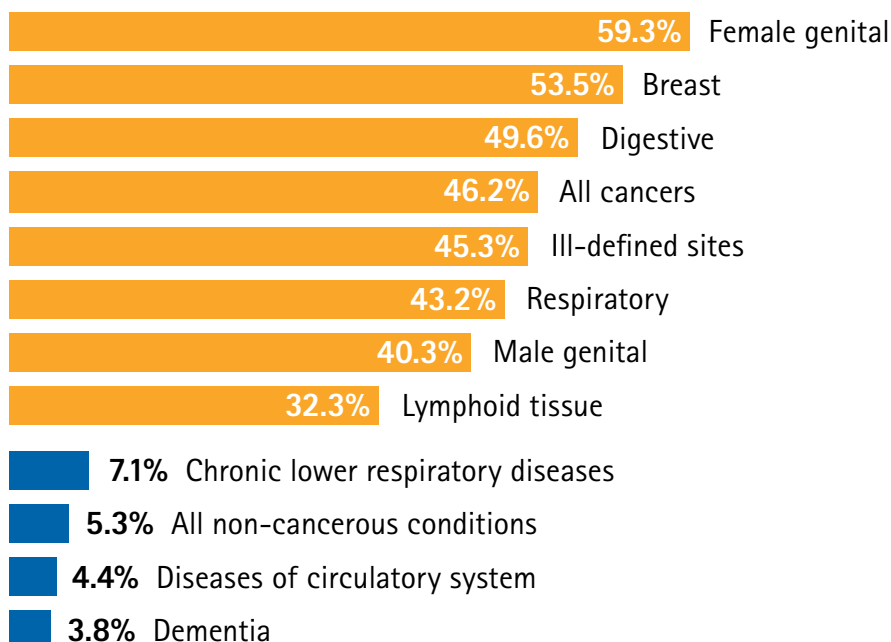
In Wales in 2012, emergency and elective hospital admissions in the last year of life accounted for more than 1 million bed days – nearly a quarter (23.8%) of all hospital bed days

## The number of bed days varies by diagnosis



The average number of bed days per person in the last year of life varies considerably by diagnosis

## Receipt of specialist palliative care varies by diagnosis



There is considerable variation in receipt of specialist palliative care between different cancer diagnoses

But generally people with cancer are much more likely to receive specialist palliative care than people with other terminal conditions

Source: Data from the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) regarding people who are recorded as having received specialist palliative care prior to their death for everyone who died in Wales in 2012