

Island Health Performance Measures

Self-Harm Hospitalizations



Year to Date
Performance

91.6

Island Health
Target

**Less than or equal to
73**

Performance
Assessment



Yellow

Performance is outside acceptable range; monitor and take action as appropriate.

What do we measure and why?

Self-harm is defined as a deliberate bodily injury that may or may not result in death. High rates of hospitalizations due to intentional self-harm may signal a lack of appropriate mental health care or addictions services, treatments, and community supports.

The Self-Harm Hospitalizations indicator measures the rate of hospitalizations due to self-harm during the past 365 days, per 100,000 population (age-standardized).

While some risk factors for self-harm are beyond the control of the health system, in many cases self-harm can be prevented by early recognition, intervention, and treatment of mental illnesses.

What is the target?

Island Health's target is 73 or fewer hospitalizations per 100,000 population.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

As of December 2024, Island Health was not meeting the target.

What actions are we taking?

Addressing self-harm requires "upstream" strategies and timely, early intervention. Island Health has partners with school districts and other community-led organizations and service providers to implement school wellness centres as well as youth and young adult resources and sites that provide mental health and substance use, primary care, and public health supports. A new 24/7 on-call psychiatry service helps rural and remote hospitals across Island Health access expert consultation.