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<b>Conclusion</b>	Being older, from a deprived area, being unmarried, living alone and/or in a rural area all increased the risk of an early death from colon cancer. Several factors typically associated with social isolation were a recurring theme in patients who died early from colon cancer. This association is unexplained by clinical or diagnostic pathway characteristics.
<b>What this means for the service</b>	Socially isolated patients are a key target group to improve outcomes of the worst surviving patients, but further investigation is required to determine if being isolated itself is actually a cause of early death from colon cancer.