

Primary Care Sector Populations

Here we have some very good data to evaluate our data against in terms of publicly available prescribing statistics showing every practice in the UK at least once-a-year (QOF data releases) and more frequently updated monthly practice prescribing data in England. This means that we can be 100% sure of the locations which we are approaching for information. We focus our information on the practice as the "hub of primary care" in the present (and developing) NHS structure.

Our approach is to telephone and obtain data from practices on the members of staff who are currently working within them. We will phone all practices at least once-a-year on a rotation basis and if we get an update or query (A returned gone-away mailing or a reported error) we phone to check immediately in the interval between the annual validations. Whilst the practice managers, receptionists, etc. we speak to can make errors we consider that 99% of their input is accurate and valid.

We do not accept third-party updates without checking them directly by phone. We have extensive experience of representatives creating near duplicates via spelling variants on surnames, their reluctance to delete doctors who were easily seen before they emigrated to Australia and their continued insistence of the existence of "sleeping partners".

At the moment there are considerable numbers of doctors (ca 4000) in general practice who are almost completely retired except for holding the reins of practices which employ increasing numbers of "salaried GPs". We would estimate our accuracy of the Primary Care Practice based personnel to be in the region of 95-97% at any one time.

Primary Care – Practice Personnel

Practice Based Personnel

Community Midwife	1791
Dispenser	1794
District Nurse	5848
GP	38852
GP Training	652
Health Visitor	4420
Lead GP	8088
Locum	147
Nurse Practitioner	2943
Nurse Prescriber	3205
Practice Manager	9931
Practice Nurse	21226

Surgeries by Country

England	11936
Northern Ireland	408
Scotland	1279
Wales	685
Isle of Man	13
Channel islands	31

General Practitioners with Special Interests

GPwSI

Acupuncture	335
Alcohol Related	21
Ante Natal	173
Asthma	1188
Cancer	104
Cardiology	426
Care of Elderly	257
Cervical Cytology	53
CHD	636
Chest/Respiratory	261
Child Dev/Care/Immunology	723
Chronic Kidney Disease	15
COPD	272
Cryotherapy	15
Dermatology	1504
Diabetes	3127
Drug Misuse	205
ENT (Ear Nose & Throat)	318
Epilepsy	45
Family Planning	994
Gastrology	88
Geriatric	15
Hand & Wrist	4
Homeopathy	101
Hyperbaric	5
Hypertension	112

Learning Disability	6
Mental Health	460
Minor Surgery	2299
Musculoskeletal	90
Neurology	37
Obs & Gynae	789
Occupational Health	117
Ophthalmology	179
Orthopaedics	170
Osteoporosis	20
Paediatrics	833
Pain Management	21
Phlebotomy	16
Palliative Care	231
Rheumatology	223
Sexual Health	201
Smoking Cessation	88
Sports	297
Teenage Health	51
Therapeutics	1
Travel	120
Urology/Urinary	25
Vasectomy	67
Well Person	9
Women's Health	1087
Other Sp Interest	69

General Practice Sizes

GPs in a Practice

Count of Practices

1	1624
2	1882
3	1682
4	1427
5	1209
6	914
7	596
8	315
9	194
10	932

GPs in a Practice

Count of Practices

11	57
12	37
13	16
14	13
15	6
16	5
17	1
19	1
18	3
20+	6

Practice Based Clinics

Surgeries by Clinic

Adult Immunisation	32
Ante Natal	3073
Asthma	10040
Baby Health Clinic	2828
Baby/Child Immunisations	260
Cervical Smears	1559
Child Health	1958
Chronic Kidney Disease	586
COPD	4787
Coronary Heart Disease	3284
Dermatology	36
Diabetes	9987
Family Planning	1738
Flu Vaccination	102
Hypertension	198
INR/Coagulation Testing	93
Mental Health	67
Minor Surgery	4257
Phlebotomy	1154
Physiotherapy	212
Podiatry/Chiropody	68
Psychiatric	83
Smoking Cessation	2420
Travel Clinic	2038
Vascular Disease	494
Weight Management	1191
Well Man	3308
Well Woman	4493