

# Announcement of methodological changes to Primary Care Dementia Data

## Background

The content of the primary care dementia data release is reviewed on an annual basis, to ensure that it aligns with the needs of users and with the scope of the collection from which the data is drawn (the core GP contract service).

For the 2025-26 reporting year, the following changes to the underlying data collection have been made:

- The 'Other' dementia type breakdown has been split into 'Other specified dementia types' and 'Other unspecified dementia types'
- A new indicator has been added; the percentage of patients on the QOF Dementia Register who have been diagnosed with delirium within the last 12 months

These additions have been made following engagement with the NHS England Primary Care Group (which supplies requirements for extract specifications in respect of the GMS contract) via their Service Request process.

## Methodological changes

The summary .xlsx file will include the following amendments:

- Table 1 - will include an additional count of patients who have been diagnosed with delirium in the last 12 months
- Table 3b – the 'Other dementia types' entry will be replaced with 'Other specified dementia types' and 'Other unspecified dementia types' entries

The pcdem-sicbl-incidence-onset-mmm-yyyy.csv and pcdem-sicbl-dem-type-mmm-yyyy files will be updated to include the additional count of patients who have been diagnosed with delirium in the last 12 months and updated dementia type breakdowns respectively.

## Timing

The first publication to be affected by this change will be the May 2025 release, which will cover the period 1 May 2024 – 31 May 2025. This release is due to be published on 19th June 2025.

### **Impact**

The impact of the above changes on the Primary Care Dementia Data series is expected to be minimal. Users may need to update any automated load routines that use the affected .csv files to ingest the new/updated data items correctly.

### **Further information**

Questions and feedback on the publication are welcomed and should be sent to team mailbox ([england.gpses@nhs.net](mailto:england.gpses@nhs.net)) OR [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) or alternatively call 0300 303 5678.