

Statement of Administrative Sources



Annex B: Supporting metadata

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Section 1: Statistical End Product	Attribution Dataset – GP Registered Populations	
Section 2: Original Administrative/Management Source/System	Name	GP Quarterly Payments & Registration System (Exeter Payments System)
	Name of the organisation responsible	NHS Connecting for Health (CfH), Exeter Payments Bureau
	Purpose of the administrative source	Payment of GP Practices

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Unit of Inquiry		GP practice patients
Intended Coverage		All GP registered patients
Actual Coverage		As above
Geographical Coverage		England & Wales
Lowest level of Geographical Coverage		Postcode
Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?		None
Data definitions used		GP practice registered patients by postcode, quinary age group, gender, Primary Care Trust (PCT) code
Classification systems used		Postcode, PCT code
Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/Timing 2)Validation process	1) Live system with annual extraction 2) We are reliant on NHS CfH quality controls
Access Arrangements		Controlled by NHS CfH and Department of Health (DH)
Dissemination Procedures		CfH send the data to an external contractor for analysis
Publication procedure		None – Exeter does not release to the public
Timing/Periodicity of public release		As above
Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics		Re-organisation of health geographies Introduction of new payment system

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Section 3: Change Process	<p>The Department of Health complies with Review of Central Returns (ROCR) and Ethics & Confidentiality Committee (ECC) processes.</p> <p>Data passed to the IC for publication is aggregated to PCT level.</p>	
Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process	Validation procedures	Discrepancy checking against expected/historical totals
	Quality assessment	Information on data quality is summarised in the Data Quality statement which accompanies the publication
	Periodicity of release	Annual in February
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Additional processing required. The full impact would depend on whether the sponsor still required the data
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	The process is explained in a technical note published with the data

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