

Statement of Administrative Sources



Annex B: Supporting metadata

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Section 1: Statistical End Product	General Ophthalmic services activity statistics	
Section 2: Original Administrative/Management Source/System	Name	Central Ophthalmic Payments System (Exeter) General Ophthalmic Services SBE515 Omnibus collection
	Name of the organisation responsible	Connecting for Health (Exeter) NHS Information Centre
	Purpose of the administrative source	Payment/contracting monitoring of NHS ophthalmic activity
	Unit of Inquiry	Sight tests, vouchers and repairs

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	Intended Coverage	All NHS ophthalmic activity
	Actual Coverage	Some gaps due to areas having local arrangements; missing data, Omnibus sample collection run to account for missing data
	Geographical Coverage	England
	Lowest level of Geographical Coverage	Primary Care Trust
	Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?	Central Ophthalmic Payments System user group prioritise all change requests
	Data definitions used	Sight tests; Patients seen These can be found in the guide to eye care publications at http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/Eye_Care_Flyers/NHSEyeCareData_Guide_version2.doc
	Classification systems used	n/a
	Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/Timing 2)Validation process
		Exeter 1. Live collection 2. Live validation with additional audit Omnibus 1. Sample collection at end of reporting year 2. Validation on submission and post submission checks by production team.
	Access Arrangements	Exeter Registration to on-line system Omnibus Electronic invitation from survey team

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	Dissemination Procedures	Reporting available to registered users
	Publication procedure	N/A
	Timing/Periodicity of public release	Regular information available
	Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics	Improvements in data quality mean that additional items can be reported at a later stage
Section 3: Change Process	NHS Connecting for Health manage change control process through Central Ophthalmic Payments System user group.	
Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process	Validation procedures	Validation against historical sources. Mixture of automated and manual quality assurance
	Quality assessment	Recent consultation carried out (early 2010). User comments invited on content and presentation of publication
	Periodicity of release	Full stats Annually, selected stats six-monthly
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Suffers from significant quality issues – some assumptions necessary in publication
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	Some additional information collected from Primary care Trusts where data quality poor for key fields (Omnibus collection)

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