

## Statement of Administrative Sources



### Annex B: Supporting metadata

<b>Organisation</b>	The Information Centre for Health and Social Care (The NHS Information Centre for health and Social Care) <a href="http://www.ic.nhs.uk/">http://www.ic.nhs.uk/</a>	
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<b>Section 1: Statistical End Product</b>	General Ophthalmic Services: Workforce Statistics for England & Wales.	
<b>Section 2: Original Administrative/Management Source/System</b>	Name	Central Ophthalmic Payments System (Exeter)
	Name of the organisation responsible	Connecting for Health (Exeter)
	Purpose of the administrative source	Payment/contracting monitoring of NHS ophthalmic activity
	Unit of Inquiry	Ophthalmic practice

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	Intended Coverage	All Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) & Local Health Boards (LHBs)
	Actual Coverage	As above
	Geographical Coverage	England and Wales
	Lowest level of Geographical Coverage	Primary Care Trust / Health Board
	Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?	Central Ophthalmic Payments System user group prioritise all change requests
	Data definitions used	Definitions can be found in the publication
	Classification systems used	General Medical Council (GMC) number, General Ophthalmic Council (GOC) number
	Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/Timing 2)Validation process
	Access Arrangements	1. Live collection 2. Live validation with additional audit
	Dissemination Procedures	Registration to on-line system
	Publication procedure	Reporting available to registered users
	Timing/Periodicity of public release	N/A
	Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics	None – Exeter does not release to public
		Introduction of new payment system

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<b>Section 3: Change Process</b>	NHS Connecting for Health manage change control process through Central Ophthalmic Payments System user group	
<b>Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process</b>	Validation procedures	Validation rules defined and adhered to, comparison against historical sources. Mixture of automated and manual quality assurance
	Quality assessment	Information on quality is available in the publication
	Periodicity of release	Annual
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Inconsistent information means a break in time series. Length of time to produce
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	Estimates of comparable figures where possible.

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