

Statement of Administrative Sources

**Annex B: Supporting metadata
Prescribing for Diabetes in England**

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Organisation	The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) http://www.hscic.gov.uk/	
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Responsible Statistician	Name: Kate Croft Section: Prescribing Team	
Section 1: Statistical End Product	Prescribing for Diabetes in England	
Section 2: Original Administrative/Management Source/System	Name	ePACT system
	Name of the organisation responsible	NHS Prescription Services, NHS Business Services Authority (BSA)
	Purpose of the administrative source	Re-imburement of dispensers
	Unit of Inquiry	Prescription
	Intended Coverage	All prescriptions prescribed in England
	Actual Coverage	As above
	Geographical Coverage	England
	Lowest level of Geographical Coverage	National
	Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?	Quarterly liaison meetings between HSCIC, Department of Health (DH) and Prescription Services
	Data definitions used	Items, quantity and cost, see BSA website for details of database http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/Documents/PCA_Glossary_V2_-_04-06-13.doc
	Classification systems used	British National Formulary published by British Medical Association and Royal Pharmaceutical Society, see www.bnf.org.uk

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	Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/Timing 2)Validation process Data is provided to the HSCIC monthly about 6 weeks after the end of the month. Prescription Services have an accuracy target of payments to dispensers being between 99.8% and 100.2% of the “true” payment as determined by a statistical process.
	Access Arrangements	Controlled by data controller
	Dissemination Procedures	ePACT data are made available to NHS organisations and to DH on request by NHS Prescription Services
	Publication procedure	None
	Timing/Periodicity of public release	None
	Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics	Re-organisation of NHS
Section 3: Change Process	Data is only national so there has been no problem with any re-organisation	
Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process	Validation procedures	Data is independently extracted by another member of staff and compared with initial extraction. Results compared with previous year.
	Quality assessment	Prescription Services have an accuracy target of payments to dispensers being between 99.8% and 100.2% of the “true” payment as determined by a statistical process.
	Periodicity of release	Annual
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Minor changes to BNF and NHS Organisation changes
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	We would estimate impact and provide conversion if required/appropriate, methodology change notices and liaison with stakeholders