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Actual Changes

Actual Change	When
<p>Withdrawal of ODS CSV files</p> <p>The 2016 fundamental information standard for Organisation Reference Data (DBC 0090) specified that the majority of the existing standard 27-field CSV-format products would cease to be produced from the end of November 2021.</p> <p>ODS has moved to a single source of truth with Data Search and Export and our new FHIR R4 API.</p> <p>The ODS csv files will be withdrawn from 30th September 2025.</p> <p>THIS IS THE FINAL VERSION OF THE ODS REPOSITORY DOCUMENT</p>	30 September 2025

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Glossary of Terms

Term	Abbreviation	Definition
Department for Education	DfE	HM Government's Department for Education is responsible for leading the whole network of people and organisations who work with, or for, children and young people
Health Care Professional	HCP	Generic name used within the ODS and NHS England to identify the various healthcare professionals working within the health service, 'HCP Code' might be used to refer to GP Practitioner, Dentist, Consultant, etc. codes
Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	HSCNI	Authoritative source for Health and Social Care for Northern Ireland
Standardisation Committee for Care Information	SCCI	The SCCI replaces the Information Standards Board which provides an independent mechanism for the assurance and sign-off of Information Standards for use in the NHS and Social Care in England
NHS Dental Services	NHS DS	Part of the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA). Dental Services pay dentists promptly and accurately. They also provide dental statistics and key information to national, regional and local NHS bodies
NHS Prescription Services	NHS BSA / NHS PS	Part of the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA). Responsible for remuneration and reimbursement of dispensing contractors across England. Also provides NHS with a range of financial, prescribing and drug information
Digital Health and Care Wales	DHCW	Previously known as the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS). DHCW brings together all the organisations in NHS Wales delivering Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) systems and services
Organisations, Standards, Codes And Reference	OSCAR	The application by which members of the Organisation Data Service team can update the Spine
Organisation Data Service	ODS	Name of the Service which provides organisation and practitioner identifier codes to the NHS
Office for National Statistics	ONS	UK Government's single largest statistical producer
Statutory Instrument	SI	Principal form in which delegated or secondary legislation is made in Great Britain. Establishment and dissolution of many NHS orgs is published within SI
Technology Reference-data Update Distribution Service	TRUD	Web-based service which provides a mechanism for the UK Terminology Centre to licence and distribute reference-data to interested parties

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Document

The purpose of this document is to provide a repository of technical information about the standards used within the products and services provided by the Organisation Data Service.

1.2 Audience

This document has been written for anyone requiring access to technical information regarding the standards used within Organisation Data Service (ODS) products and services.

1.3 Content

This document comprises a great deal of technical and operational detail, including but not limited to:

- File type, listing and content
- Production/publication schedule
- Common file structures
- Files in detail

1.4 Open Government Licence

ODS data are published under the UK [Open Government Licence \(OGL\)](#) for public sector information and openly available for everyone to use. The files that are exempt from this licence and only available to NHS organisations are:

- Caldicott Guardian - This file contains the names of people for Information Governance purposes and is not reference data
- OC1 file - This file contains direct contact details of people for Information Governance purposes and is not reference data

2 File Types

Different types of files are made available at different publication intervals and through each of the distribution mechanisms:

2.1 Full Files

These files consist of a complete snapshot of all organisations and/or sites (of the type relevant to that file) that the ODS (or the relevant third party supplier) have on record at the time the extract is produced. A positive amendment indicator ("1") within a full file indicates that the record has been amended or created since the last full extract was produced. A negative indicator ("0") indicates no change.

2.2 Quarterly Amendment Files

These files consist entirely of amended or newly created records (of the organisation and/or site type relevant to the file) that have been amended or created over a period of three months, since the last quarterly amendment file for the organisation or site type was released. *All* records in a quarterly amendment file have a positive amendment indicator ("1"). Note that not all organisation/site types covered in the full files have a quarterly amendment equivalent – see the Files Listing sections for details. Users should also be aware that if an organisation/site type has not had any instances amended or created over the period since the last quarterly amendment file issue, then a file is not produced at all (as it would be empty).

2.3 Monthly Amendment Files

These files consist entirely of amended or newly created records (of the organisation and/or site type relevant to the file) that have been amended or created over a period of one month, since the last monthly amendment file for the organisation or site type. *All* records in a monthly amendment file have a positive amendment indicator (“1”). Note that not all organisation/site types covered in the full files have a monthly amendment equivalent – see the Files Listing sections for details. Users should also be aware that if an organisation/site type has not had any instances amended or created over the period since the last monthly amendment file issue, then a file is not produced at all (as it would be empty).

3 Production Schedule

The ODS run a regular production schedule to which files are produced and made available to users. There are two main types of production, each containing a different range of files. The ODS publish a detailed [production schedule](#) including cut-off dates by which amendments to centrally maintained data need to be submitted to ODS, in order to make it into the next production files.

The updating of the Spine Directory Service (via the Organisation Data Service) is a separate consideration; whilst this is affected by the ODS file production schedule, it does differ.

3.1 Quarterly Productions

Quarterly productions fall during February, May, August and November. Note that the production date refers to the month during which the files are produced, although the actual publication date may fall within the first week of the following month.

Quarterly productions include a full file for every organisation and site type ODS publish (including all third-party supplied files), plus both quarterly and monthly amendment files for all organisation and site types that have them produced – see the File Listings sections for details.

3.2 Monthly Productions

Monthly productions fall on each month in between the quarterly productions; January, March, April, June, July, September, October and December. The publication date is the last Friday of the month.

On the NHS distribution portals (NHS England web pages and TRUD), monthly productions are limited to just monthly amendment files for the organisation and site types that have them produced – see the File Listings sections for details.

The subset of files published monthly on the public domain web pages are always all full files and follow the same dates as the production schedule.

3.3 Updating Spine Directory Service

As a general rule, changes or additions to any organisation and site types that are centrally maintained by the ODS team are loaded to SDS soon after the request is made; this means that most such amendments will be visible on the live SDS within a matter of minutes of the request being picked up by the ODS team. This can result in a potentially lengthy gap between such an amendment being visible on the SDS and the same change being published in a file, dependent on where in the production schedule the request is made.

Third party supplied data is affected more by the production schedule, although visibility on the live SDS occurs very quickly following its load. The load itself is still dependent on the ODS team receiving periodic updates from the third party.

3.4 Maintaining Organisation Data

Taking the above into account, there are different options for updating any system that has a requirement for organisation data.

ODS provide two Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) which are refreshed daily - for more information please refer to our website for guidance.

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/organisation-data-service/apis-for-the-organisation-data-service>

SDS Link: The Directory is updated with the majority of organisation and site data almost constantly through OSCAR, with only a small subset of data affected by a lag due to third party supply.

PLEASE NOTE: it is vital that users take note of the differences between the Authoritative View offered by the publication files and the IT Operational View offered by the SDS data (see Data Content section), and which is most suitable for their requirements. If at all unsure, guidance should be sought from the ODS team.

Full files: these files can be considered as ‘starter’ files; useful for populating new tables from scratch, or perhaps updating a system that has fallen out of date. Use of these files guarantees the capture of all known organisations and sites of a given type, at the cut-off date given for their publication (see the [production schedule](#) for these dates). Whilst it is possible to consistently load full files on a rolling basis, this can be considered inefficient as unchanged records might be replaced needlessly and large unwieldy files have to be handled.

Quarterly Amendments: these files have the advantage of being limited to amended or new records, so, providing a system is updated each quarter, it is possible to be confident it is up to date without needlessly processing records that have not changed since the last update.

Monthly Amendments: these files work in the same fashion as the quarterly amendments but are produced more frequently, giving the advantage of a more up to date system.

4 File Listing

The table below summarises the entire ODS file set. It lists the full filename, the equivalent monthly/quarterly amendment filenames (if they exist), the content, and whether the data is maintained by ODS or a third party such as the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA.

All amendment versions of ODS production files, both quarterly and monthly, use exactly the same format within the file as the full version. However, some third party amendment files amalgamate data that are published separately in their full versions – where this is the case, it is detailed in the notes column.

The general rule when identifying monthly and quarterly amendment versions of the full files is to simply add either ‘aq’ (amended quarterly) or ‘am’ (amended monthly) to the full filename, however there are some exceptions.

Full files are published within a zip file of their own. Amendment files are grouped together and compressed into a single zip file. These grouping zip files are detailed at the end of the table.

Table 4a - Files:

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Default.csv	N/A	Default codes	Organisation Data Service	Full file only – published quarterly
Eabeydispgp.csv	Eabeydispgpaq.csv Eabeydispgpam.csv	Abeyance and Dispersal GP Codes	Organisation Data Service	

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Earchive.csv	Earcaq.csv Earcam.csv	Archived closed organisations	Organisation Data Service	
Eauth.csv	Eauthaq.csv Eautham.csv	NHS England (Region), Government Office Regions and NHS England (Region, Local Office)	Organisation Data Service	
Ebranchs.csv	Ebranchsaq.csv Ebranchsam.csv	Branch Surgeries	Organisation Data Service	
Ecarehomehq.csv	Ecarehomehqaq.csv Ecarehomehqam.csv	Care Home Headquarters	Organisation Data Service	
Ecarehomesite.csv	Ecarehomesiteaq.csv Ecarehomesiteam.csv	Care Home Sites in England	Organisation Data Service	
Eccg.csv	Eccgam.csv Eccgaq.csv	Sub ICB Locations	Organisation Data Service	All Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were statutorily abolished on 1 st July 2022. Note the ODS CCG codes will not close legally or operationally or be withdrawn at this time. The former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as 'Sub ICB Locations'
Eccgsite.csv	Eccgsiteam.csv Eccgsiteaq.csv	Sub ICB Location Sites	Organisation Data Service	
Ecsu.csv	Ecsuam.csv Ecsuaq.csv	Commissioning Support Units	Organisation Data Service	
Ecsusite.csv	Ecsusiteam.csv Ecsusiteaq.csv	Commissioning Support Unit Sites	Organisation Data Service	
Ect.csv	Ectaq.csv Ectam.csv	Care Trusts	Organisation Data Service	PCT-derived Care Trusts closed 2013
Ectsite.csv	Ectsaq.csv Ectsam.csv	Care Trust Sites	Organisation Data Service	Sites of PCT-derived Care Trusts closed 2013
Educate.csv	Educateaq.csv Educateam.csv	Education Establishments	Organisation Data Service	
Ehospice.csv	Ehsaq.csv Ehsam.csv	Hospices. This is not an organisation type in its own right; rather it includes existing NHS Trusts and Independent Providers that offer Hospice services.	Organisation Data Service	
Ejustice.csv	Ejusticeaq.csv Ejusticeam.csv	Justice estate organisation identifiers	Organisation Data Service	Introduced via ISN ISB 0090/AMD 9/2014
Eiom.csv	Eiomaq.csv Eiomam.csv	Isle of Man Government Departments, Directorates and Sites	Organisation Data Service	
Lauth.csv	Lauthaq.csv Lautham.csv	ODS Local Authority Codes	Organisation Data Service	Introduced via ISN ISB 0090/AMD 47/2012

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Lauthsite.csv	Lauthsiteaq.csv Lauthsiteam.csv	ODS Local Authority Site Codes	Organisation Data Service	Introduced via ISN ISB 0090/AMD 47/2012
Enonnhs.csv	Ennaaq.csv Ennam.csv	Non-NHS Organisations - Independent Providers such as hypnotherapists, etc.	Organisation Data Service	
Ensa.csv	Ensaaq.csv Ensaam.csv	NHS Support Agencies and Shared Services	Organisation Data Service	
Eopthq.csv	Eopthqaq.csv Eopthqam.csv	Optical Headquarters	Organisation Data Service	
Eoptsite.csv	Eoptsiteam.csv Eoptsiteaq.csv	Optical Sites	Organisation Data Service	
Eother.csv	Eotheraq.csv Eotheram.csv	NHS England (Region, Local Office) Site, Local Service Providers and sites, Cancer Networks, Special HA sites, Other Statutory Authorities and sites, Executive Agency Programme, Exec Agency Programme Departments, Exec Agency sites, Government Department and sites, Other Units, Application Service Providers, Strategic Partnerships	Organisation Data Service	
Epharmacyhq.csv	Epharmacyhqaq.csv Epharmacyhqam.csv	Pharmacy Headquarters Organisations	Organisation Data Service	
Ephp.csv	Ephpaq.csv Ephpam.csv	Independent Sector Healthcare Providers (organisations such as BUPA)	Organisation Data Service	
Ephpsite.csv	Ephpsiteaq.csv Ephpsiteam.csv	Independent Sector Healthcare Provider sites	Organisation Data Service	
Eplab.csv	Eplabaq.csv Eplabam.csv	Pathology Laboratories	Organisation Data Service	
Espha.csv	Esphaaq.csv Esphaam.csv	Special Health Authorities	Organisation Data Service	
Eprison.csv	Eprisonaq.csv Eprisonam.csv	Prisons in England and Wales	ODS, with advice from Prison Health (DH)	
Etr.csv	Etraaq.csv Etram.csv	NHS Trusts	Organisation Data Service	
Ets.csv	Etsaq.csv Etsam.csv	NHS Trust sites	Organisation Data Service	

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Etreat.csv	Etreataq.csv Etreatam.csv	Treatment Centres This is not an organisation type in its own right; rather it includes existing NHS Trust sites and Independent Sector Provider sites that operate Treatment Centres.	Organisation Data Service	
Succ.csv	N/A	Successor Organisations	Organisation Data Service	Full file only – published quarterly
Succarc.csv	N/A	Archived Successor Organisations	Organisation Data Service	Full file only – published quarterly
Wlhb.csv	Wlhbaq.csv Wlhbam.csv	Local Health Boards in Wales	ODS/DHCW	
Wlhbsite.csv	Wlhbsiteaq.csv Wlhbsiteam.csv	Local Health Board sites in Wales	ODS/DHCW	
Safe.csv	N/A	Safe Havens	Organisation Data Service	Full file only – published quarterly
Edispensary.csv	Edispensaryaq.csv Edispensaryam.csv	Dispensaries	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	
Enurse.csv	N/A	Nurse Prescribers in England	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Full file only – published quarterly
Egparc.csv	N/A	Archived GP Practitioners	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Full file only – published quarterly
Egpcur.csv	Egpaq.csv Egpam.csv	GP Practitioners	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Note that the amendment file for GP Practitioners is an amalgamated file. Egpaq.csv and egpam.csv contain amendments for both GP Practitioners and GP Practices.

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Epcmем.csv	Egpmemaq.csv Egpmemam.csv	GP Practices linked to Sub ICB Location/LHG	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Note that the amendment file for GP Practice to Sub ICB Location mapping is an amalgamated file. Egpmemaq.csv and egpmemam.csv contain amendments for both GP Practice to Sub ICB Location mapping and GP Practitioner to Practice mapping. The former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as 'Sub ICB Locations'
Epraccur.csv	Egpaq.csv Egpam.csv	GP Practices	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Note that the amendment file for GP Practices is an amalgamated file. Egpaq.csv and egpam.csv contain amendments for both GP Practitioners and GP Practices.
Epracarc.csv	N/A	Archived GP Practices	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Full file only – published quarterly
Epracmem.csv	Egpmemaq.csv Egpmemam.csv	GPs by GP Practices	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	Note that the amendment file for GP Practice to Sub ICB Location mapping is an amalgamated file. Egpmemaq.csv and egpmemam.csv contain amendments for both GP Practice to Sub ICB Location mapping and GP Practitioner to Practice mapping. The former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as 'Sub ICB Locations'
Egmcmem.csv	N/A	A mapping between GP's GMC numbers and primary GNC codes	Organisation Data Service	Full file only – published weekly (in TRUD only)

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Epcdp.csv	Epcdpaq.csv Epcdpam.csv	Current Private Controlled Drug Prescribers in England	NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA	
Egdpprac.csv	Egdppracaq.csv Egdppracam.csv	General Dental Practices	NHS Dental Services	
Ngpcur.csv	N/A	GPs in Northern Ireland.	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	Full file only – published quarterly
Niarchive.csv	N/A	Archived Northern Ireland organisations	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	Full file only – published quarterly
Niorg.csv	N/A	Boards, Trusts and Local Health and Social Care Groups in Northern Ireland.	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	Full file only – published quarterly
Nlhscgpr.csv	N/A	GP Practices by Local Health and Social Care Group in Northern Ireland.	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	Full file only – published quarterly
Npraccur.csv	N/A	GP Practices in Northern Ireland.	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland	Full file only – published quarterly
Econcur.csv	N/A	English Hospital Consultants	NHS England Workforce and Facilities	Full file only – published monthly
Edconcur.csv	N/A	English Dental Consultants	NHS England Workforce and Facilities	Full file only – published monthly
Eschools.csv	Eschoolsaq.csv Eschoolsam.csv	Schools in England	Department for Education	
Educationtype.csv	N/A	Types of establishment contained in the eschools.csv file	Department for Education	Lookup table – only published when a change is introduced
Pcodeall.csv	N/A	Reduced NHS Postcode Directory (amalgam of ALL following 'pcode...' named files)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodewsn.csv	N/A	Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland Postcodes	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodeoth.csv	N/A	Channel Islands, Isle of Man, unallocated postcodes and Pseudo Postcodes	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey56.csv	N/A	Postcodes in London Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey58.csv	N/A	Postcodes in South West Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey59.csv	N/A	Postcodes in South East Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey60.csv	N/A	Postcodes in Midlands Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Pcodey61.csv	N/A	Postcodes in East of England Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey62.csv	N/A	Postcodes in North West Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pcodey63.csv	N/A	Postcodes in North East and Yorkshire Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridall.txt	N/A	Full NHS Postcode Directory (amalgam of ALL following 'Grid...' named files)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridoth.txt	N/A	Channel Islands, Isle of Man, unallocated postcodes and Pseudo Postcodes	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridwsn.txt	N/A	Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland Postcodes	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy56.txt	N/A	Postcodes in London Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy58.txt	N/A	Postcodes in South West Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy59.txt	N/A	Postcodes in South East Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy60.txt	N/A	Postcodes in Midlands Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy61.txt	N/A	Postcodes in East of England Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy62.txt	N/A	Postcodes in North West Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Gridy63.txt	N/A	Postcodes in North East and Yorkshire Commissioning Region	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
1991_pcd_ed_lookup.csv	N/A	1991 Census ED codes/ONS Geography Census codes	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Cancer Network names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Cancer Networks in England and Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Cancer Registry names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Cancer Registries in England and Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
census-oa-lsoa-msoa_lookup.csv	N/A	OA/LSOA/MSOA Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
CHP names and codes SC.txt	N/A	Community Health Partnerships in Scotland Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
County names and codes EN.txt	N/A	Counties in England Lookup (2000)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
County names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Counties in England and Wales Lookup (1991)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
District names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Districts in England and Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
GOR names and codes EN.txt	N/A	Government Office Regions in England Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
HSCB name and code.txt	N/A	Health and Social	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Health Authority names and codes EN.txt	N/A	English Health Authorities (Old Style)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Health Authority names and codes WA.txt	N/A	Welsh Health Authorities (Old Style)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Health Board names and codes NI.txt	N/A	Health Boards in Northern Ireland Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
HSCB Name and code NI.txt	N/A	Health and Social Care Board in Northern Ireland Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
LCG names and codes NI.txt	N/A	Local Commissioning Groups in Northern Ireland Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Health Board names and codes SC.txt	N/A	Health Boards in Scotland Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
IT Cluster names and codes EN.txt	N/A	IT Clusters in England Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
LA-UA names and codes UK.txt	N/A	Local and Unitary Authorities in the UK Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
LCG names and codes.txt	N/A	Local Commissioning Groups in Northern Ireland	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
LHB names and codes WA.txt	N/A	Local Health Boards in Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
LSOA names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Lower Super Output Areas in England and Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
MSOA names and codes EW.txt	N/A	Middle Super Output Areas in England and Wales Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pan SHA names and codes EN.txt	N/A	PAN SHAs in England Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
PCO names and codes EN.txt	N/A	Primary Care Organisations in England Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Pseudo Country 1 (country order).xls	N/A	Country names and Pseudo country postcodes in alphabetical country name order	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly

Filename	Quarterly File Monthly File	Contents	Source	Notes
Pseudo Country 2 (code order) Aug 2008.xls	N/A	Country names and Pseudo country postcodes in pseudo country postcode order	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
SHA names and codes EN.txt	N/A	SHAs in England Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
SHA names and codes EN.txt	N/A	SHAs in England Lookup (old style)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Ward names and codes UK.txt	N/A	Wards in the UK Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Ward names and codes UK.txt	N/A	Wards in the UK Lookup (old style)	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly
Westminster Parliamentary Constituency names and codes UK.txt	N/A	Parliamentary Constituencies in the UK Lookup	Office for National Statistics	Full file only – published quarterly

Table 4b - Amendment File Groupings

Filename	Contents
Eamendaq.zip	All ODS quarterly amendment files
Eamendam.zip	All ODS monthly amendment files
Egpaq.zip	GP Practitioner and Practice quarterly amendment files
Egpam.zip	GP Practitioner and Practice monthly amendment files
Egpmemaq.zip	GP practitioner to practice and GP practice to Sub ICB Location membership quarterly amendment files. The former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as ‘Sub ICB Locations’
Egpmemam.zip	GP practitioner to practice and GP practice to Sub ICB Location membership monthly amendment files. The former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as ‘Sub ICB Locations’
Epcdpaq.zip	Private Controlled Drug Prescribers quarterly amendments
Epcdpam.zip	Private Controlled Drug Prescribers monthly amendments

5 Common File Structures

The majority of files ODS publish follow a standard structure and are provided in Comma Separated Value (.csv) formatted text files. Table 5a is a template, showing the standard structure. Section 6 provides full details for each individual file with a tailored file Specification.

Table 5a:

Column	Field Content	Max length	Notes
1.	Code	9	Unique identifier. Range from a single character to 9 characters, alpha numeric. Most codes avoid the use of characters B, I, O, S, U and Z. Note that the max length for each type of org code is listed under ‘Code Format’ within the relevant section each organisation type
2.	Name	100	Name of the Organisation, Site, Department or Practitioner

Column	Field Content	Max length	Notes
3.	National Grouping	5	
4.	High Level Health Geography	5	
5.	Address Line 1	35	
6.	Address Line 2	35	
7.	Address Line 3	35	
8.	Address Line 4	35	
9.	Address Line 5	35	
10.	Postcode	8	
11.	Open Date	8	Ccymmdd
12.	Close Date	8	Ccymmdd
13.	Null		Available for non-standard content
14.	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	
15.	Parent Organisation Code	6	Code for an associated parent organisation where appropriate.
16.	Join Parent Date	8	ccymmdd Date Parent association commenced (if field 15 is populated)
17.	Left Parent Date	8	ccymmdd Date Parent association commenced (if field 15 is populated)
18.	Contact Telephone Number	12	Where available
19.	Null		Available for non-standard content
20.	Null		Available for non-standard content
21.	Null		Available for non-standard content
22.	Amended record indicator	1	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23.	Null		Available for non-standard content
24.	Null		Available for non-standard content
25.	Null		Available for non-standard content
26.	Null		Available for non-standard content
27.	Null		Available for non-standard content

6 Files in Detail - ODS Maintained Files

The following section lists detail for each of the files that the Organisation Data Service maintains centrally. It should be assumed that each file follows the content described in Table 5 a, where they differ will be stated below.

6.1 Eabeydispgp.csv

Description:

Abeyance and Dispersal GP Codes

Contains:

Usually, when a GP retires or leaves a practice, a successor is appointed prior to the departure of the outgoing GP. In such cases, if the GP in question holds their own 'list' of patients on the Practice and NHAIS systems, these are transferred to the new GP (referred to as the successor) using bulk transfer processes. There are, however, two circumstances where this is not possible:

Where a successor has yet to be appointed, the NHAIS system currently offers the facility to set the individual GP list to 'abeyance'. This leaves the patients technically registered with the departing GP until a successor can be obtained. In practice, the patients are usually still treated by the remaining partners in the practice, or sometimes a locum is employed temporarily by the practice. This process ensures the practice list is still calculated appropriately for payment.

When a successor is not actively being sought, the NHAIS dispersal function is used; patients registered with the GP are written to advising them to register with a new GP.

In order to ensure that National Back Office and PDS are correct, it is necessary to set up Abeyance/Dispersal codes; these take the form of GP Practitioner format codes which relate to a practice rather than an individual GP, and ODS has responsibility for this.

How Maintained:

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA establish main contacts within Sub ICB Locations, whose role is to inform them of updates and additions to GPs within their area, in much the same way that ODS establish main contacts within the organisations that they code. Abeyance and Dispersal code requests are made by this contact directly to ODS.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Abeyance and Dispersal Codes	G	7	8	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	All Abeyance and Dispersal GP codes begin with 'G78'

File Format:

The eabeydispgp.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	A = Abeyance D = Dispersal
15	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code for GP Practice this code is linked to
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	Yes	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.2 Earchive.csv

Description:

Archived Closed Organisations

Contains:

Data for organisations which have closed since 1991, excluding organisations closed within the current or previous financial year (when an organisation is closed it remains in its relevant current file for one financial year). Note that many of the organisations in the file belong to a type that is now obsolete entirely (e.g. Primary Care Groups) and so there is no corresponding 'current' file for them any longer.

The file includes everything apart from Egparc.csv and Epracarc.csv.

How Maintained:

As with the code format - the archive file contains many different organisation types and code formats, so rather than list their details here, users are advised to refer to that organisation type in the relevant section elsewhere in the document.

Code Formats:

Note that each of these organisation types is detailed further under its file’s own section elsewhere in this document. Rather than list formatting information in this section (as the archive file is an amalgam of a number of different existing organisation types), users should refer to the appropriate section for that organisation type. Formatting information for obsolete types is no longer published but should users require this, they can contact ODS via the helpdesk and they will be happy to provide it.

File Format:

The earchive.csv file follows the standard 27 field format

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	Yes	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Contact Name	50	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Wave Number	2	No	applies to Old NHS Trust Records Only. this is based on the open Date of the Record. If the open date is prior to 2 April 1991, this value is set to 01 This definition applies to English and Welsh NHS Trusts only.
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.3 Eauth.csv

Description:

Government Office Regions, NHS England Commissioning Regions and NHS England Regions (Geography)

Contains:

Codes for: NHS England Commissioning Regions and NHS England Regions (Geography) in England, plus codes for Government Office Regions in England and Wales. It also lists a number of high-level Welsh organisations. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

NHS England Commissioning Regions and NHS England Regions (Geography) are not legal entities; they are sub-divisions of NHS England. Information on these entities is supplied directly to ODS by NHS England.

Government Office Region information is provided by the Office for National Statistics.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
All Applicable Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
National Grouping	Y	0-9	0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
High Level Health Authority	Q	0-9	0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
Government Office Region (GOR)	A-N, W					Issued before 1 October 2020
Digital Health and Care Wales	W	0	0			Note this code is used as 'PAN SHA' in many files against Welsh organisations (DHCW fulfil many of the same functions in Wales as a PAN SHA does in England)
National Assembly for Wales	W	0	1			
Health Commission Wales	W	0	1	H	C	

File Format:

The eauth.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically
4	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	C=Specialised Commissioning Hub Region (Geography) S=Standard Region (Geography)
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Contact Name	50	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.4 Ebranchs.csv

Description:

GP Branch Surgeries

Contains:

Codes for GP branch surgeries in England. Data for GPs and GP Surgeries has traditionally been supplied by the NHS Prescription Service of the NHS Business Services Authority; however, this data only includes main surgeries - the more peripheral branch surgeries that these practices often run are not included in the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA data. It is the responsibility of the ODS to maintain this information.

How Maintained:

Requests for Branch Surgery codes are logged with the ODS by users within the Sub ICB Location.

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA rely on their contacts within Sub ICB Locations to inform them of updates and additions to GP Practices within their area. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA’s systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS for publication once a month - these files are also uploaded to the ODS database, where they are used to provide parent practices to the Branch Surgeries that ODS code.

Code Formats:

Branch surgery codes are allocated using the existing NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA GP Practice code for the parent surgery (see practice file - epracur.csv), to which a further three numbers are added to define each branch e.g. 001, 002, etc.

Organisation Type	Character Positions									Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
GP Branch Surgeries	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z					Issued after 1 October 2020
GP Branch Surgeries	A-H, J-N, P-W and Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ebranches.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	9	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code for the GP Practice that runs the Branch Surgery
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	GOR Code	1	Yes	Government Office Region Code Linked Geographically
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.5 Ecarehomehq.csv

Description:

Care Home Headquarters

Contains:

Care Home HQ data. A standard across ODS data is to maintain a parent-child structure between organisations and their sites, building up a picture of the organisational hierarchy of the NHS. In the 'Care Homes' files, field 15 identifies the owning organisation of each individual Care Home organisation - in other words, their 'corporate parent'. In the case of single site organisations, where the one location effectively takes on the role of owning organisation or 'HQ' and that of an operating site, the entity will be represented within both files.

How Maintained:

The ODS obtains care home and care home HQ data from two third-party suppliers. For Welsh data this is CSSIW (Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales) and for English data this is CQC (Care Quality Commission).

Each supplier has responsibility for the statutory inspection of care provided in care homes within their respective geographies.

All care homes are required by law to be registered with one of these regulatory bodies.

This data is published in files within the existing ODS data, which ensures the supply of a reliable dataset to allow care home identification within systems and services throughout the NHS and those of its stakeholders.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions				Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	
Care Home HQ	A,C,D	A-9	A-9	A-9	

File Format:

The Ecarehomehq.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	4	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	Name of the Organisation
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	This must not contain the same information as the Organisation Name field
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	Town/City
9	Address Line 5	35	No	County
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	Open date of organisation
12	Close Date	8	No	Close date of organisation
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Country	2	No	1 = England 2 = Scotland 3 = Wales 4 = Northern Ireland 5 Isle of Man 10 = Channel Islands

6.6 Ecarehomesite.csv

Description:

Care Home Sites

Contains:

Care Home site data. In the 'Care Homes' files, field 15 identifies the owning organisation of each individual Care Home organisation - in other words, their 'corporate parent'. In the case of single site organisations, where the one location effectively takes on the role of owning organisation or 'HQ' and that of an operating site, the entity will be represented within both files.

How Maintained:

The ODS obtains care home and care home HQ data from two third-party suppliers. For Welsh data this is CSSIW (Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales) and for English data this is CQC (Care Quality Commission).

Each supplier has responsibility for the statutory inspection of care provided in care homes within their respective geographies.

All care homes are required by law to be registered with one of these regulatory bodies.

This data is published in files within the existing ODS data, which ensures the supply of a reliable dataset to allow care home identification within systems and services throughout the NHS and those of its stakeholders.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Care Home Site	V	L-N	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	

File Format:

The Ecarehomesite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	Name of the Organisation
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	This must not contain the same information as the Organisation Name field
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	Town/City
9	Address Line 5	35	No	County
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	Open date of organisation
12	Close Date	8	No	Close date of organisation
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	No	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	No	Primary Care Organisation
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Country	2	No	1 = England 2 = Scotland 3 = Wales 4 = Northern Ireland 5 = Isle of Man 10 = Channel Islands

6.7 Eccg.csv

Description:

Formerly Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). As result of the Health and Care Act 2022, all CCGs were statutorily abolished on 1st July 2022. From 1st July 2022, the former CCG geographical areas (adjusted where necessary to reflect boundary changes) are referred to as 'Sub ICB Locations'. Note the ODS CCG codes will not close legally or operationally or be withdrawn at this time.

Contains:

Eccg.csv contains parent Sub ICB Locations. The data are for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Information on Sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the

organisation. No changes to the records associated to an organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Sub ICB Locations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Sub ICB Locations	0-9	0-9	A-Y			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Eccg.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	H = CB Commissioning hub C = Standard Sub ICB Location

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.8 Eccgsite.csv

Description:

Sub ICB Location (Formerly CCG) Sites.

Contains:

Eccgsite.csv contains just Sub ICB Location (Formerly CCG) sites. The data are for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Information on Sub ICB Location Sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to an organisation can be carried out, without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Sub ICB Location (Formerly Clinical Commissioning Group) Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Sub ICB Location (Formerly Clinical Commissioning Group) Sites	0-9	0-9	A-Y	A-Y	A-Y	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Eccgsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	First 3 characters denote owning Sub ICB Location (formerly CCG)
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Sub ICB Location (Formerly Clinical Commissioning Group)
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.9 Ecsu.csv

Description:

Commissioning Support Units (CSU)

Contains:

Ecsu.csv contains parent CSUs and Data Management and Integration Centres (DMIC).

DMICs will collate commissioning intelligence pertaining to a number of Sub ICB Locations and provide this to other elements of the health service infrastructure including other CSUs. The structure of DMICs is varied; some are hosted by a subset of the CSUs; others are stand-alone organisations. A sub-type will be applied to DMICs to indicate them. The subtype indicator will be held in field 14 of the CSU release file.

This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

As hosts of the CSUs until April 2016, NHS England provided ODS with the initial set of reference data for CSUs. However, following the publication of this initial set of CSU reference data, ODS will rely on the individuals and organisations that are assigned the codes, to advise them of any changes in the details to the CSU parents/sites.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Commissioning Support Units	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Commissioning Support Units	0	A-Y	A-Y			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Ecsu.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	C = CSU D = DMIC
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.10 Ecsusite.csv

Description:

Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) Sites

Contains:

Ecsusite.csv contains just CSU sites. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

As hosts of the CSUs until April 2016, NHS England provided ODS with the initial set of reference data for CSUs. However, following the publication of this initial set of CSU reference data, ODS will

rely on the individuals and organisations that are assigned the codes, to advise them of any changes in the details to the CSU parents/sites.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Commissioning Support Unit Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Commissioning Support Unit Sites	0	A-Y	A-Y	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Ecsusite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	First 3 characters denote owning CSU
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Commissioning Support Unit Identifier
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.11 Ect.csv

Description:

NHS Care Trusts

Contains:

Care Trust data - Ect.csv contains only the parent organisations. All three Care Trust files follow the same format and conventions, although field 14 is only populated for parent codes (thus not found in the ectsite file) and field 15 is only populated for site codes (thus not found in the ect file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Care Trusts only exist in England.

How Maintained:

Care Trusts are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of Care Trusts are published in a Statutory Instrument, which is released on to the Government

website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on Care Trust sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
NHS Care Trusts	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Care Trusts	T	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ect.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	T = NHS Trust Derived Populated for Parent records only
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	GOR Code	1	Yes	Government Office Region Code Linked Geographically
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.12 Ectsite.csv

Description:

NHS Care Trust Sites

Contains:

Care Trust Site data - Ectsite.csv contains only the sites. All three Care Trust files follow the same format and conventions, although field 14 is only populated for parent codes (thus not found in the ectsite file) and field 15 is only populated for site codes (thus not found in the ect file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Care Trusts only exist in England.

How Maintained:

Care Trusts are statutory organisations. As such any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of Care Trusts are published in a Statutory Instrument which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on Care Trust sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
NHS Care Trust Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Care Trust Sites	T	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ectsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	X = NHS PS Hospital ePACT Site
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	GOR Code	1	Yes	Government Office Region Code Linked Geographically
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.13 Educate.csv

Description:

Education Establishments

Contains:

Code for Education establishments responsible for leading planning and education commissioning, ensuring the security of supply of the local health and care workforce and supporting national workforce priorities set by Health Education England. Previously this was led by organisations called Deaneries but these organisations were replaced by Local Education and Training Boards in 2013.

This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Information on Deaneries is relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the parent code or site codes can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Education Establishments (Deaneries)	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Education Establishments (Deaneries)	Y	D	F	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The educate.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically W00 for Welsh Records
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically Q99 for Welsh Records
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.14 Egmcmem.csv

Description:

A snapshot mapping, generated weekly, between General Medical Council (GMC) Reference Numbers and primary Prescriber Identifiers (otherwise known as GNC / GMP codes) for GPs.

Contains:

GMC Reference Number allocated by the General Medical Council, given name, surname and primary Prescriber Identifier allocated by the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA to GPs.

It should be noted that there is also a Date Stamp field within the file; this specifies the date on which the snapshot of data was taken. Users should be aware that it is on this date that the data is most accurate.

How Maintained:

The original mapping between the GMCs and Prescriber Identifiers is supplied to ODS by NHS England’s Workforce Team. ODS apply several rules to the data prior to its publication;

- 1) The data only includes a mapping between a GMC number and the primary Prescriber Identifier (the code representing the GP’s current registered/main Practice).
- 2) The data only includes GPs for whom the GMC hold a status of "Registered with Licence".
- 3) The data only includes records that are present in all three of the following;
 - a) the original workforce extract updated monthly,
 - b) the GMC data set supplied daily to ODS and,
 - c) the NHS Prescription Service dataset supplied weekly to ODS.

This ensures that the snapshot of data is as accurate as possible in an attempt to publish current GPs that are "registered to Practice". However, it does mean that there will be some examples where there could be missing data, for example, very recent GP registrations with the GMC that have not yet obtained a Prescriber Identifier from the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
General Medical Council reference number (GMC)	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9		
Current GP Practitioners in England, Wales, IOM and the Channel Islands (Prescriber Identifiers)	G	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The egmcmem.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	GMC Reference Number	7	Yes	
2	Given Name	255	Yes	
3	Surname	255	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
4	GNC/Prescriber ID	8	Yes	
5	Date Stamp	8	Yes	Date when the snapshot of data was generated. (YYYYMMDD)

6.15 Ehospice.csv

Description:

Hospices in England, Wales, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands

Contains:

Two organisation types, NHS Trust and Non-NHS Organisation, are able to have a classification or 'Sub-type' added to them which denotes that they offer Hospice Services. The ehospice.csv file publishes those NHS Trusts and Non-NHS Organisations that hold this Subtype together in the one file. This is in addition to them appearing in their own dedicated file (e.g. enonnhs.csv).

The file contains data for organisations in England, Wales, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands and is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Data in the hospice file is maintained as for the NHS Trusts and Non-NHS Organisations (enonnhs.csv).

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
All Applicable Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Trust Hospices in England, Wales, IOM and the Channel Islands	R	A-9	A-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
Non NHS Hospices in England, Wales, IOM and the Channel Islands	8	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ehospice.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically W00 for Welsh records, blank for other Home Countries
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically Q99 for Welsh records, blank for other Home Countries
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	H = Hospice
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.16 Eiom.csv

Description:

Isle of Man organisations

Contains:

Isle of Man Government Department, Directorates and Sites, including the two Isle of Man hospitals. Note that GP and GP Practice data for the Isle of Man are already included within the NHS Prescription Service files and dental data is in the NHS Dental Services files.

How Maintained:

Data in the eiom.csv file is supplied by the Isle of Man Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS), although ODS are responsible for generating, maintaining and publishing the codes.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
All Applicable Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
IoM Government Department	Y	J	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
IoM Government Directorate	Y	K	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
IoM Government Directorate Site	Y	K	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The eiom.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	Beginning 'YJ' or 'YK' Can be both 3 and 5 digits in length
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	No	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.17 Ejustice.csv

Description:

Justice Organisations in England and Wales

Contains:

A standard set of unique identification codes for Justice entities including Prisons, Police Stations, Constabularies, Courts, Young Offender Institutions, Secure Training Centres, Secure Children’s Homes, Immigration Removal Centres and Sexual Assault Referral Centres in England and Wales. The data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

ODS obtain Justice Organisation information from the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Justice publish a list of Justice Organisations which ODS use to check the validity of requests for new organisation codes. If an entity is not present within this publication ODS contact the Ministry of Justice directly to check its validity before coding the new entity.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Justice Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Justice Organisations	V,W	A-Y	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Ejustice.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Justice Estate Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping Code	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography Code	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Residency Indicator	2	No	RI = Residential Institution RJ = Non-Residential Institution
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Applies to Police Custody Suites only to denote the responsible Constabulary
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Indicates whether record is new/amended since the last file issue 1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Primary Role	2	Yes	PN = Prison JA = Young Offender Institution JB = Secure Training Centre JC = Secure Children's Home JD = Immigration Removal Centre JE = Constabulary JF = Police Custody Suite JG = Courts JH = Sexual Assault Referral Centre
27	Null	0	No	

6.18 Enonnhs.csv

Description:

Non-NHS Organisations

Contains:

Independent Providers: Registered and Non-Registered Non-NHS Organisations in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands, including current organisations and data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Where a record appears to be applied to an individual, it should be seen as representing them in an organisational capacity. Examples of the types of records found in the file include independent hypnotherapists, medical consultants working privately outside of the NHS, nursing homes, private practices and clinics.

Generally, an Independent Provider Code is required due to the organisation having had some contact with the NHS; for instance, having taken a referral and therefore requiring a code that can be used to identify them within NHS systems.

How Maintained:

Organisations contact ODS themselves to request their own Independent Provider code. ODS allocate the codes in chronological order as and when they are requested.

As with most NHS organisation codes, ODS rely on the individuals and organisations that are assigned the codes to advise them of changes in details. However, due to the diversity of the types of organisation and individual within the enonnhs.csv file, this alone is not considered sufficient. ODS also perform occasional update exercises, sending a letter to all code holders requesting

confirmation of their details and that the code is still required. The last of these was performed at the end of 2005.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Non-NHS Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Non-NHS Organisations in England, IOM and the Channel Islands	8	A,C-H,J-N,P-R,T,V,Y	A-Y,0-9	0-9	0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020
Non-NHS Organisations in Wales	8	W	A-Y,0-9	0-9	0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The enonnhs.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically W00 = Welsh records Blank = other Home Countries
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically Q99 = Welsh records Blank = other Home Countries
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	R = Registered Non-NHS Provider N = Non-Registered Non-NHS Provider
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.19 Ensa.csv

Description:

NHS Support Agencies and Shared Services

Contains:

NHS Support Agencies in England: including current organisations and data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. These take the form of 'Shared Services' and 'Health Informatics Services', which are formed when two or more organisations that work closely

together geographically and operationally, decide to centralise and merge common services (such as Human Resources, IT or Finance Departments).

How Maintained:

Information on NHS Support Agencies is relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. Any request for a new code requires the submission of a form which requires the organisation’s Chief Executive’s signature; this acts as a means of verifying the existence of the organisation. Any other future changes are related by an established ODS contact within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
NHS Support Agencies and Shared Services	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Support Agencies and Shared Services	Y	D	D	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ensa.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.20 Eopthq.csv

Description:

Optical Headquarters

Contains:

Optical HQ (Contractor) - An Optical Contractor will hold one or more General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) contract(s) for the provision of primary ophthalmic services or could be a non-contract supplier

who accepts vouchers towards the cost of glasses. Every optical supplier needs an ODS code, whether they have a GOS contract or not.

How Maintained:

NHS England commissions all General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) in England using the General Ophthalmic Mandatory Services Model Contract. GOS Contracts are issued and managed by the NHS Business Services Authority across England. The BSA Optical Contract Team feed information about contract changes to ODS, for application to the Optical data. ODS Optical HQ and Site codes are required/issued for other optical services, not just GOS contracts.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Optical HQ	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Optical HQ	T	0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9		Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Eopthq.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Contact Name	50	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.21 Eoptsite.csv

Description:

Optical Sites

Contains:

Optical Site data.

How Maintained:

NHS England commissions all General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) in England using the General Ophthalmic Mandatory Services Model Contract. GOS Contracts are issued and managed by the

NHS Business Services Authority across England. The NHS BSA Optical Contract Team feed information about contract changes to ODS, for application to the Optical data. ODS Optical HQ and Site codes are required/issued for other optical services, not just GOS contracts.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Optical Site	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Optical Site	T	P,Q	0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Eoptsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Contact Name	50	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	Yes	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.22 Eother.csv

Description:

Several different organisation types which either did not warrant their own dedicated file at the point of creation, or did not easily fit within an existing file.

Contains:

Codes for: Local Service Providers (LSP), LSP Sites, Cancer Networks, Special Health Authority sites (see espha.csv for parent organisations), Other Statutory Authorities (OSA), OSA Sites, Executive Agencies of the Department of Health, Executive Agency Programmes, Executive Agency Programme Departments, Executive Agency Sites, Government Departments, Government Department Sites, Public Health Observatories, Cancer Registries, Channel Island Health Organisations,

Military Hospitals, Clinical Networks, Application Service Providers, National Application Service Providers (NASP), NHS England Region (Geography) Sites, Strategic Partnerships (SPs).

How Maintained:

As Statutory Authorities, any organisations of type ‘Other Statutory Authorities’ have an SI published for any establishment, dissolution or name changes, which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS team check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on changes to all the other organisation types in the eother file, plus minor changes to OSAs, is relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
All Applicable Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z				Issued after 1 October 2020
Local Service Provider (LSP)	L	S	P	0-9	0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Local Service Provider (LSP) Site	L	S	P	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9		Issued before 1 October 2020
Cancer Network	N	0-9	0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020
Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site	T	1	0-9	0-9	A-Y,1-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	X	0-9	0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020
Other Statutory Authority (OSA) Site	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Executive Agency	X	0-9	0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020
Executive Agency Programme	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
Executive Agency Programme Department	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	A-Y	A-Y	Issued before 1 October 2020
Executive Agency Site	X	0-9	0-9	0-9					Issued before 1 October 2020
Government Department	X	A-Y	A-Y						Issued before 1 October 2020
Government Department Site	X	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Public Health Observatory	X	P	0	0-9	0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Cancer Registry	Y	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Channel Island/Isle of Man Health Authority	Y	A	C, D, E and F						Issued before 1 October 2020
Military Hospitals	X	M	D	A-Y	A-Y,0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Clinical Network	Y	D	G	0-9	0-9	0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020
National Application Service Provider (NASP)	Y	E	A-Y,0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020
Application Service Provider (ASP)	Y	G	M	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9				Issued before 1 October 2020
Application Service Provider (Not to be Used)	Y	G	A-Y						Issued before 1 October 2020
Non Statutory NHS Organisation	Y	A	0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020
Strategic Partnerships	Q	A-Y	A-Y,0-9						Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Eother.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	First character = "L", "T", "X", "N", "Q" or "Y"
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Only SpHA Site records have a parent recorded. First Character = 'T'
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.23 Epharmacyhq.csv

Description:

Pharmacy Headquarters Organisations

Contains:

Codes for Pharmacy Headquarters organisations (dispensary owners) in England and Wales. Each Pharmacy HQ can be linked to many Dispensaries.

How Maintained:

Data for dispensaries is supplied by the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA; however, in order that the data be structured to fit with other organisation data that the ODS publish, parent HQ organisations are also required. It is the responsibility of the ODS to maintain this information.

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA rely on their contacts within Sub ICB Locations to inform them of updates and additions to Dispensaries within their area. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA’s systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS. The ODS team load the dispensary data from the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA to a bespoke database, which is used to identify new dispensaries and either assign them to an existing HQ, or create new HQ codes when required.

Dispensary data for Wales is supplied by Wales to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA.

This database is then used to create the publication files for both the dispensary.csv and pharmacyhq.csv files.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Pharmacy Headquarters Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Pharmacy Headquarters Organisations	P	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9		Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The pharmacyhq.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '1' Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.24 Ephp.csv

Description:

Independent Sector Healthcare Providers

Contains:

Ephp.csv contains parent Independent Sector Healthcare Providers (ISHPs). Both ISHP files follow the same format and conventions, although fields 14 and 15 are only populated for site records (thus not found in the ephp file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. It includes organisations based in England although some of the sites are located in Wales.

Note that ISHPs are considered slightly different from those organisations represented in the Non-NHS Organisations file (enonnhs.csv), in that they are confined to the large private sector healthcare companies which are contracted by the NHS for direct patient care. The Non-NHS Organisation are used where services other than direct healthcare are provided.

How Maintained:

Information on ISHPs and their sites are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out, without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Independent Sector Healthcare Providers	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Independent Sector Healthcare Providers	A,B,D, G,I,K,L ,M,N,O ,S,U,V, W	A-Y	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ephp.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.25 Ephpsite.csv

Description:

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Sites

Contains:

Ephpsite.csv contains Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Sites (ISHPs). Both ISHP files follow the same format and conventions, although fields 14 and 15 are only populated for site records (thus not found in the ephp file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. It includes organisations based in England, although some of the sites are located in Wales and Scotland.

Note that ISHPs are considered slightly different from those organisations represented in the Non-NHS Organisations file (enonnhs.csv), in that they are confined to the large private sector healthcare companies which are contracted by the NHS, e.g. BUPA or Nuffield. The other Non-NHS file is used for smaller private concerns which may take the odd GP referral, such as hypnotherapists.

How Maintained:

Information on ISHPs and their sites are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out, without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Sites	A,B,D,G,I,K,L,M,N,O,S,U,V,W	A-Y	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ephsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	A = Social Enterprise M = Treatment Centre E = Independent Sector Hospital

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
				R = Registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.26 Eplab.csv

Description:

Pathology Laboratories

Contains:

Pathology Laboratory data. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year, based in England. Pathology Labs are based within NHS Trusts so a link to a Trust is provided against each record in the file.

How Maintained:

Information on Pathology Laboratories was collated from the NHS Information Authority and is kept up to date by the ODS team on advice from the hosting NHS Trusts.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Pathology Laboratories	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Pathology Laboratories	6	9	A-9	A-9	A-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The eplab.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Relationship to NHS Trust
16	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.27 Eprison.csv

Description:

Prisons in England and Wales

Contains:

Codes for Prisons in England and Wales. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

ODS obtain prison information from the Prison Health team within the Department of Health. The listing is checked once a year, to ensure it is up to date and Prison Health advise ODS of any closures or openings as and when they occur.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Prisons in England and Wales	Y	D	E	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	

File Format:

The eprison.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.28 Espha.csv

Description:

Special Health Authorities

Contains:

Codes for Special Health Authorities in England (note that Special HAs tend to be national organisations rather than administering a particular area of the country). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Note also that ODS code sites for Special Health Authorities, these can be found in the eother.csv file.

How Maintained:

Special Health Authorities are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to their name are published in a Statutory Instrument, which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on Special Health Authorities is relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Special Health Authorities	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Special Health Authorities	T	1	0-9	0-9	0	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The epsha.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.29 Etr.csv

Description:

NHS Trusts

Contains:

Etr.csv contains parent NHS Trusts. All three NHS Trust files follow the same format and conventions, although fields 14 and 15 are only populated for NHS Trust Site records (thus found only in the ets file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. NHS Trusts exist in England and Wales.

How Maintained:

NHS Trusts are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of NHS Trusts are published in a Statutory Instrument which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on Trust Sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to an organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
NHS Trusts	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Trusts	R	A-9	A-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The etr.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	GOR Code	1	Yes	Government Office Region Code Linked Geographically
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.30 Etreat.csv

Description:

Treatment Centres

Contains:

NHS Trust Sites and Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Sites are able to have a classification or 'Sub-type' added to them which denotes that they are Treatment Centres. The etreat.csv file publishes those NHS Trust Sites and ISHP Sites that hold this Sub-type, together in the one file. This is in addition to them appearing in their own dedicated file (e.g. ets.csv and ephpsite.csv).

The file contains data for organisations in England and Wales and is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Data in the file is maintained as for the NHS Trust Sites, Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site and Primary Care Trust Site organisations (see ephpsite.csv and epctsite.csv).

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
All Applicable Organisations	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Trust Treatment Centre	R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	Issued before 1 October 2020
Primary Care Trust Treatment Centre	5	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-9	A-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Independent Sector Treatment Centre	N	A-Y	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The etreat.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	M = Treatment Centre
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.31 Ets.csv

Description:

NHS Trust Sites

Contains:

Ets.csv contains just NHS Trust sites. All three files follow the same format and conventions, although fields 14 and 15 are only populated for NHS Trust Site records (thus found only in the ets file). This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. NHS Trusts exist in England and Wales.

How Maintained:

NHS Trusts are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of NHS Trusts are published in a Statutory Instrument which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on Trust Sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to an organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
NHS Trust Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
NHS Trust Sites	R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The ets.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	M = Treatment Centre X = NHS PS Hospital ePACT Site
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Code for parent NHS Trust
16	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	GOR Code	1	Yes	Government Office Region Code Linked Geographically
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.32 Lauth.csv

Description:

Local Authorities in England and Wales

Contains:

A standard set of unique identification codes for all Local Authorities across England and Wales.

How Maintained:

Changes to Local Authorities, such as address changes, are monitored through regular checking of the local government related websites. For the allocation and maintenance of Local Authority site codes, please refer to Lauthsite.csv.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Local Authorities in England and Wales	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Local Authorities in England and Wales	0-9	0-9	0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Lauth.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically W00 for Welsh records
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically Q99 for Welsh records
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	A= County B = Borough C = City D = District E = Metropolitan District H = Unitary Authority J = London Borough
15	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.33 Lauthsite.csv

Description:

Local Authority Sites in England and Wales

Contains:

A standard set of unique identification codes for selected Local Authority Sites across England and Wales.

How Maintained:

Local Authority Sites are coded where a business need for a site organisation exists to support NHS IT systems and services. Organisations that need Local Authority site codes contact ODS directly to request them.

As with most NHS organisation codes, ODS rely on the individuals and organisations that are allocated the codes to advise them of changes in details.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Local Authorities in England and Wales	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Local Authority Sites in England and Wales	0-9	0-9	0-9	A-H,J-N.P-W and Y	A,C-H,J-N,P-R,T,V,Y	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The Lauthsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically W00 for Welsh records
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically Q99 for Welsh records
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Local Authority Code

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

6.34 Succ.csv

Description:

Successor Organisations

Contains:

Information on the relationships between closed organisations and the organisations that replaced them upon their closure (NHS organisations are often closed and ‘merged’ or ‘split’ to form one or more new organisations).

The succ.csv file records successor relationships for organisations of current interest (closed during the current and previous financial year) which includes the following types:

- Primary Care Trusts (and sites)
- Independent Sector Healthcare Providers (and Sites)
- NHS Trusts (and Sites)

How Maintained:

As with the code format - the file contains many different organisation types and code formats, so rather than list their details here, users are advised to refer to that organisation type in the relevant section elsewhere in the document.

Code Formats:

Each of the organisation types included in succ.csv are of current interest and are therefore detailed further under their file’s own section elsewhere in the document. Rather than list formatting information in this section (as the successor files are an amalgam of a number of different existing organisation types), users should refer to the appropriate section for that organisation type.

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Common Service Agency	A-P	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	e.g. AU1M6
District Health Authority	A-H,J-N.P,W	0-9	0-9			e.g. A11
Directly Managed Unit	A-Z	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9			e.g. AA1
Directly Managed Unit Site	A-Z	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	e.g. AA1AA
Family Health Services Authorities	A-H,J-N.P,W	8,9	0-9			e.g. A81
Old Style Health Authorities	Q	0-2	8,9			e.g. Q01 (all closed June 2006)
Old Style Health Authorities	Q	A,C,D and E	A-Y,0-9			e.g. QA2 (all closed March 2002)
Health Partnership	T	A	A			Single org of this type, open October 2000 - March 2002
NHS Direct	Y	D	A	0-9	0-9	e.g. YDA01
Primary Care Group	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9	e.g. 4AA24

File Format:

The Succ.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Successor Organisation Code	5	Yes	
3	Successor Reason Code	1	Yes	F = FMR code change O = Org. type change R = Reconfiguration (i.e. merger/split within the same organisation type).

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
4	Succession Effective Date	8	Yes	
5	Succession Indicator	1	No	blank = No further succession F = Further succession X = Closed succession

6.35 Succarc.csv

Description:

Archived Successor Organisations

Contains:

The succarc.csv file records successor relationships for archived organisations (closed before the start of the previous financial year) and includes the following organisation types:

- Cancer Networks
- Common Service Agencies
- Care Trusts (and sites)
- District Health Authorities
- Directly Managed Units (and sites)
- Family Health Services Authorities
- Health Authorities
- Health Partnerships
- Non-NHS Organisations
- Other Statutory Authority
- Military Hospitals
- NHS Direct (and sites)
- Primary Care Groups
- Independent Sector Healthcare Providers (and sites)
- Primary Care Trusts (and sites)
- Special Health Authorities (and sites)
- NHS Trusts (and sites)
- Strategic Health Authorities (and sites)

How Maintained:

As with the code format - the archive file contains many different organisation types and code formats, so rather than list their details here, users are advised to refer to that organisation type in the relevant section elsewhere in the document. Many of the organisation types included in the succarc.csv file are obsolete now and so are no longer collected.

Code Formats:

Formatting information for many of the obsolete types included in succarc.csv are no longer published, so have been provided in the table below

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Archived Common Service Agency	A-P	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	e.g. AU1M6
Archived District Health Authority	A-H,J-N,P,W	0-9	0-9			e.g. A11
Archived Directly Managed Unit	A-Z	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9			e.g. AA1
Archived Directly Managed Unit Site	A-Z	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	A-Y,0-9	e.g. AA1AA
Archived Family Health Services Authorities	A-H,J-N,P,W	8,9	0-9			e.g. A81
Archived Old Style Health Authorities	Q	0-2	8,9			e.g. Q01 (all closed June 2006)
Archived Old Style Health Authorities	Q	A,C,D and E	A-Y,0-9			e.g. QA2 (all closed March 2002)
Archived Health Partnership	T	A	A			Single org of this type, open October 2000 - March 2002
Archived NHS Direct	Y	D	A	0-9	0-9	e.g. YDA01
Archived Primary Care Group	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9	e.g. 4AA24

File Format:

The Succarc.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Successor Organisation Code	5	Yes	
3	Successor Reason Code	1	Yes	F = FMR code change O = Org. type change R = Reconfiguration (i.e. merger/split within the same organisation type).

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
4	Succession Effective Date	8	Yes	
5	Succession Indicator	1	No	blank = No further succession F = Further succession X = Closed succession

7 Files in Detail - ODS / DHCW Maintained Files

The following section lists details for each of the files that the Organisation Data Service maintains in collaboration with Digital Health and Care Wales and publish on its behalf. It should be assumed that each file follows the content described in Table 5 a, where they differ will be stated below.

7.1 Wlhb.csv

Description:

Local Health Boards in Wales

Contains:

Wlhb.csv contains parent Local Health Boards in Wales only. All three WLHB files follow the same format and conventions. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Local Health Boards are responsible for the planning and provision of health care services within their area at all levels.

How Maintained:

Local Health Boards in Wales are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of LHBs are published in a Statutory Instrument, which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on LHB sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

ODS also work closely with DHCW with regards to Welsh organisations. DHCW perform a similar function to ODS within Wales and have input over development of Welsh organisation data.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Welsh Local Health Boards	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Welsh Local Health Boards	6,7	A-9	A-Y,0-9			Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The wlhb.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	W00 is used. Digital Health and Care Wales perform equivalent functions to PAN SHA for Wales
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Default code of 'Q99' is used There is no equivalent to an SHA in Wales
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

7.2 Wlhb-site.csv

Description:

Local Health Board Sites in Wales

Contains:

Wlhb-site.csv contains parent Local Health Board Sites in Wales. All three WLHB files follow the same format and conventions. This data is for current organisations, plus data for organisations that have closed in the current or previous financial year. Local Health Boards are responsible for the planning and provision of health care services within their area at all levels.

How Maintained:

Local Health Boards in Wales are statutory organisations. As such, any establishment, dissolution or changes to the name of LHBs are published in a Statutory Instrument, which is released on to the Government website of the Office for Public Sector Information. The ODS check this website daily and implement any changes required.

Information on LHB sites and other minor changes to the parent organisations are relayed to ODS via the organisations in question. This is facilitated by an established ODS contact based within the organisation. No changes to the records associated to that organisation can be carried out without the express permission of the contact for that organisation.

ODS also work closely with DHCW with regards to Welsh organisations. DHCW perform a similar function to ODS within Wales and have input over development of Welsh organisation data.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Welsh Local Health Board Sites	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	0-9	A-Z	Issued after 1 October 2020
Welsh Local Health Board Sites	6,7	A-9	A-Y,0-9	A-9	A-9	Issued before 1 October 2020

File Format:

The wlhbsite.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	W00 is used. Digital Health and Care Wales perform equivalent functions to PAN SHA for Wales
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Default code of 'Q99' is used There is no equivalent to an SHA in Wales
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

8 Files in Detail - NHS PS / NHS BSA Maintained Files

The following section lists details for each of the files that the NHS Prescription Services of the NHS Business Services Authority maintain and provide to ODS to publish on their behalf. It should be assumed that each file follows the content described in Table 5 a; where they differ will be stated below.

8.1 Edispensary.csv

Description:

Dispensaries in England, the Isle of Man and Wales.

Contains:

Codes for Dispensaries in England, the Isle of Man and Wales; each Dispensary can only be linked to one HQ.

How Maintained:

Although the data for Dispensaries are supplied by the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA, they are processed by the ODS team to produce the publication file; in order that the data are structured

to fit with other organisation data that the ODS publish. Parent HQ organisations are also required and it is the responsibility of the ODS to maintain this information.

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA rely on their contacts within Sub ICB Locations to inform them of updates and additions to Dispensaries within their area. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA’s systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS. The ODS team load the dispensary data from the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA to a bespoke database which is used to identify new dispensaries and either assign them to an existing HQ, or create new HQ codes when required.

Dispensary data for Wales are supplied by Wales to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA.

This database is then used to create the publication files for both the dispensary.csv and pharmacyhq.csv files.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Dispensaries in England, IOM and Wales	F	A-Y	A-Y,0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The edispensary.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically n/a for Channel Islands or Isle of Man
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically n/a for Channel Islands or Isle of Man
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	1 = Pharmacy 2 = Appliance Contractor 3 = Oxygen concentrator supplier
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Code of owning pharmacy HQ This field will be blank for Appliance Contractors and Oxygen concentrator suppliers
16	Join Parent Date	8	No	This field will be blank for Appliance Contractors and Oxygen concentrator suppliers
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	This field will be blank for Appliance Contractors and Oxygen concentrator suppliers
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '1' Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	No	Primary Care Organisation for the area in which the Dispensary is located
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

8.2 Egparc.csv

Description:

Archived GP Practitioners in England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man.

Contains:

Name and address information and GNC codes (see egpcur.csv for further explanation of these codes) for General Practitioners working in England and Wales, that have been closed prior to the beginning of the previous financial year.

How Maintained:

The maintenance of all GNC codes including advice of closures comes from NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA contacts within Sub ICB Locations; this is the same for the archive files as for egpcur.csv.

Code Formats:

The format of the GNC codes in the archive file is exactly the same as those within the egpcur file.

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Archived GP Practitioners in England, Wales, IOM and Channel Islands	G	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The formatting for the GP archive file is the same as for egpcur.csv.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically n/a for Channel Islands
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	Yes	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	P = Principal/Senior GP at practice O = Other GP in practice (not Principal/Senior GP)
15	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code for GP Practice this GP is linked to
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	Yes	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

8.3 Egpcur.csv

Description:

GP Practitioner prescribing information in England and Wales.

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for General Practitioners working in England and Wales. These identifying codes are known as General National Codes, or GNC.

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA use a number called the Doctor’s Index Number or DIN (allocated by the Health and Social Care Information Centre when a doctor first applies to practice in the UK), to derive a GP’s first GNC code; this is prefixed with a ‘G’ and suffixed with a check digit. Thereafter however, if a GP begins to work at further practices (i.e. is working within more than one simultaneously), the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA allocate further codes not based on the DIN. A GP can therefore have multiple GNC codes, one for each practice at which they work simultaneously. If a GP completely leaves a practice before joining a new one, and there is no overlap, then the current code will be retained and just the links within the data updated.

How Maintained:

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA establish main contacts, whose role is to inform them of updates and additions to GPs within their area, in much the same way that ODS establish main contacts within the organisations that they code. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA’s systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS for publication once a month.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Current GP Practitioners in England, Wales, IOM and the Channel Islands	G	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The egpcur.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Based on Parent Practice
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Based on Parent Practice

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active B = Retired C = Closed P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	P = Principal/Senior GP at practice O = Other GP in practice (not Principal/Senior GP)
15	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code for GP Practice this GP is linked to
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	No	Primary Care Organisation for the GP's Current or latest GP Practice

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

8.4 Enurse.csv

Description:

Nurse Prescribers in England

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for Nurse Prescribers working in England. The identifying codes provided in the file are the Nurse’s PIN numbers, allocated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council when a Nurse qualifies to prescribe.

How Maintained:

The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA collate the Nurse Prescribing data for their own internal use in tracking the prescribing activity of nurses. Information on the nurses and their place of work is provided to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA by contacts within the Employer Organisations. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA’s systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS for publication once a quarter.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Nurse Prescribers in England	0-9	0-9	A-Z	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	A-Z	

File Format:

The enurse.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Nurse Type	2	Yes	Derived using the nurse and parent organisation link PN = nurse employed by a practice CN = nurse employed by a Community NHS Trust
2	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code for the organisation the Nurse prescribes for. One of: Primary Care Organisation GP Practice

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
				Community Nurse Prescribing Contract Code
3	Nurse PIN	8	Yes	At any given time a nurse will only have one PIN Number but over time a nurse may have more than one, e.g. if registration card is stolen and a new number is requested.
4	Open Date	8	Yes	Date the nurse began prescribing for the organisation
5	Close Date	8	No	Date the nurse stopped prescribing for the organisation
6	Title	6	No	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Sister
7	Initials	10	No	
8	Surname	40	Yes	
9	Address1	25	No	The address is that of the organisation for which the nurse prescribes, and not the nurse's own address.
10	Address2	25	No	
11	Address3	25	No	
12	Address4	25	No	
13	Address5	25	No	
14	Postcode	8	No	
15	Telephone Number	20	No	
16	Senior Partner Name	40	No	Used for PN type prescription forms
17	Current Care Organisation Code	5	Yes	Primary Care Organisation for the area in which the organisation the Nurse prescribes for is located
18	Name	40	Yes	Name for the Current Care Organisation for which the Nurse prescribes

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
19	Name manipulation indicator	1	No	Used for PN nurse type prescription forms for manipulation of the senior partners name
20	Qualification indicator	1	No	Used to over print the relevant nurse prescribers' formulary annotation on nurse prescription forms. 1 = District Nurse/Health Visitor 2 = Extended Formulary nurse prescriber / Nurse supplementary prescriber

8.5 Epcdp.csv

Description:

Current Private Controlled Drug Prescribers in England.

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for Private Controlled Drug Prescribers working in England.

The fourth report from the Shipman Inquiry was published in July 2004. The report made a number of recommendations to strengthen the systems for prescribing of controlled drugs and for monitoring their movements from prescriber to dispenser to patient.

In support of this, a practitioner code for Private Controlled Drug Prescribers (PCDPs) was introduced. The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA are responsible for the coding and maintenance of the PCDPs. Each PCDP is linked to one Sub ICB Location; this will be the responsible Sub ICB Location although not necessarily related geographically. Private Practices are not recorded.

How Maintained:

The same contacts within Primary Care Organisations who inform the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA of updates and additions to GPs within their area (as detailed for egpcur), provide the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA with PCDP updates. The NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA then supply updated files to ODS for publication once a month.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Current Private Controlled Drug Prescribers in England	Q	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The epcdp.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	1 = Private Doctor 2 = Private Nurse 3 = Private Pharmacist 4 = Private Optometrist 5 = Private Physiotherapist 6 = Private Radiographer 7 = Private Podiatrist
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Code of responsible Primary Care Organisation (this may not be geographically linked to the PCDP)
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

8.6 Epcmem.csv

Description:

GP Practices making up each Sub ICB Location, Care Trust, Local Health Boards in Wales (or old style Primary Care Group for closed GP Practices).

Contains:

A mapping of GP Practice codes to the relevant health trust which is responsible for their area; the now obsolete Primary Care Groups and Primary Care Trusts for some closed practices, Sub ICB Locations or Care Trusts for English practices, and Local Health Boards for Welsh practices.

How Maintained:

The epcmem.csv file is maintained as a by-product of the other files recording GP Practice information. Maintenance of all practice data including to which health trusts they are related, comes from NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA contacts.

Code Formats:

All the identifier codes used within the epcmem.csv mapping file are codes used elsewhere within the epracur.csv (practice codes) and the relevant Primary Care Organisation files (Sub ICB Location, Care Trust, LHB). Users should refer to the sections for these files for further information.

File Format:

The epcmem.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	6	Yes	GP Practice Code

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
2	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Sub ICB Location/PCT/CT/LHB/PCG Code
3	Parent Organisation Type	1	Yes	W = Primary Care Organisation
4	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
5	Left Parent Date	8	No	
6	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended

8.7 Epracarc.csv

Description:

Archived GP Practices in England and Wales

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes (see epracur.csv for further explanation of these codes) for GP Practices in England and Wales that have been closed prior to the beginning of the previous financial year.

How Maintained:

Again, the maintenance of all practice codes including advice of closures comes from NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA contacts.

Code Formats:

The format of the GP Practice codes in the archive file is exactly the same as those within the epracur.csv file.

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Archived GP Practices in England	A-H,J-N,P-W and Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Archived GP Practices in Wales	W	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Archived GP Practices in IOM	Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Archived GP Practices in Alderney	A	L	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Archived GP Practices in Guernsey	G	U	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Archived GP Practices in Jersey	J	E	R	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The formatting for the GP Practice archive file is the same as for epracur.csv.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	6	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	Linked Geographically n/a for Channel Islands or Isle of Man
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	Linked Geographically n/a for Channel Islands or Isle of Man
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	Yes	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed D = Dormant P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	B = Allocated to a PCT or Care Trust Z = Not allocated to a PCT or Care

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
				Trust (this will only occur for records that are Closed, Dormant or Proposed - Active practices should always have a PCT link)
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	No	Code for the Primary Care Organisation the GP Practice is linked to
16	Join Parent Date	8	No	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Provider/Purchaser	5	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Practice Type	1	Yes	0 = Other 1 = WIC Practice 2 = OOH Practice 3 = WIC + OOH Practice 4 = GP Practice 5 = Prison Prescribing Cost Centre
27	Null	0	No	

8.8 Epracur.csv

Description:

GP Practices in England and Wales

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for GP Practices in England and Wales.

It should be noted that the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA do not always close practices that are inactive; often a practice will be given a state of 'Dormant' (indicated in field 13 'Status Code' with a value of 'D') when it has no practitioners linked to it. This is to prevent unnecessary re-allocation of codes to the same practice, as it can be quite common for a practice to be unused for a short while before coming into use again. A status code of 'P' for 'Proposed' is also used where practices are included within the file prior to their opening. For these reasons, despite the file being described as containing current GP Practices, it can be important to take note of a record's status.

There are a few instances where a Principal GP's name is given as the name of a practice. This is to cater for situations where a number of practices are located in a single establishment (e.g. a Health Centre), where each practice is then known by the Principal GP's name.

Practices are provided with a Commissioner link to the Sub ICB Location, Care Trust or Local Health Board in Wales that is responsible for their area. This is detailed in the Commissioner Org Code - field 15.

Users should be aware that there is more than one type of practice in the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA's data; in reality the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA code prescribing cost centres as opposed to solely GP Practices. Those that offer Out of Hours services, operate as Walk-In Centres or are situated within the Justice Estate are identified with a type code in field 26.

How Maintained:

As with the General Practitioner information, the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA rely on their contacts within the parent Primary Care Organisations to inform them of updates and additions to GP Practices within their area. This updating is carried out to the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA's systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA supplying updated files to ODS for publication once a month.

Code Formats:

For some years, GP Practices were coded with a meaningful prefix that related to the area of the country in which they were situated. This changed in 2002 and all new practices are prefixed with a 'Y' regardless of their location.

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
GP Practices in England	A-H,J-N,P-W and Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
GP Practices in Wales	W	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
GP Practices in IOM	Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	
GP Practices in Alderney	A	L	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	
GP Practices in Guernsey	G	U	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
GP Practices in Jersey	J	E	R	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The epracur.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	6	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	As advised by NHS England
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	As advised by NHS England
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed D = Dormant P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	B = Allocated to a Provider/Purchaser Organisation Z = Not allocated to a Provider/Purchaser Organisation
15	Commissioner	5	No	Code for the Commissioning Organisation

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
16	Join Provider/Purchaser Date	8	No	
17	Left Provider/Purchaser Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Provider/Purchaser	5	Yes	e.g. LA, ISHP, ISHP Site, Sub ICB Location
25	Null	0	No	
26	Prescribing Setting	2	Yes	0 = Other 1 = WIC Practice 2 = OOH Practice 3 = WIC + OOH Practice 4 = GP Practice 8 = Public Health Service 9 = Community Health Service 10 = Hospital Service 11 = Optometry Service 12 = Urgent & Emergency Care 13 = Hospice 14 = Care Home / Nursing Home 15 = Border Force 16 = Young Offender Institution 17 = Secure Training Centre 18 = Secure Children's Home 19 = Immigration Removal Centre 20 = Court 21 = Police Custody 22 = Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) 24 = Other – Justice Estate 25 = Prison 26 = PCN

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
				27 = Independent Pharmacy Prescriber Pathfinder
27	Null	0	No	

8.9 Epracmem.csv

Description:

General Practitioner’s membership of GP Practices

Contains:

Mapping of General Practitioner codes to the relevant GP Practice or Practices at which they work.

How Maintained:

The epracmem.csv file is maintained as a by-product of the other files recording GP information. Maintenance of all GP data, including at which practices they work, comes from NHS Prescription Services/NHS BSA contacts.

Code Formats:

All the identifier codes used within the epracmem.csv mapping file are codes used elsewhere within the epracur.csv (practice codes) and egpcur.csv (GP codes) files. Users should refer to these files' own sections for further information.

File Format:

The epracmem.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Practitioner Code	8	Yes	General Practitioner Code
2	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	GP Practice Code
3	Parent Organisation Type	1	Yes	Set to 'P'
4	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
5	Left Parent Date	8	No	
6	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	1 = Amended 0 = Not Amended

9 Files in Detail - NHS DS Maintained File

The following section details the file that the NHS Dental Services (NHS DS) of the NHS Business Services Authority maintains and provides to ODS, to publish on its behalf.

9.1 Egdpprac.csv

Description:

General Dental Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for General Dental Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man.

Practices are provided with a parental link to the care provider that is responsible for their operation. This is detailed in the Parent Organisation Code - field 15. It is possible that a relationship might exist outside of the strict geographic boundaries.

How Maintained:

NHS Dental Services has a live system where care providers and LHBs update data on a regular basis (sometimes daily). The care providers have to update this system when required, as it is the system that pays NHS dentists their monthly salaries and records how much work the dentists are required to do in the year.

NHS Dental Services send quarterly updates to the ODS team for publication.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
General Dental Practices in England, Wales and IOM	V	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Issued before 1 st February 2021

Organisation Type	Character Positions							Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
General Dental Practices in England, Wales and IOM	V	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Issued after 1 st February 2021

File Format:

The Egdpprac.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	7	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	Yes	Linked Geographically

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
4	High Level Health Geography	5	Yes	Linked Geographically
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed D = Dormant P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	D = NHS and Private Dental Practice P=Private Only Dental Practice
15	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	Code for the current care provider, Care Trust or LHB this Dental Practice is linked to
16	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
17	Left Parent Date	8	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

10 Files in Detail - NHS England Maintained Files

The following section lists details for each of the files that NHS England Workforce and Facilities maintains and provides to ODS to publish on its behalf.

10.1 Econcur.csv

Description:

Hospital Consultants in England

Contains:

Name and identifying codes for Hospital Consultants employed by NHS Trusts in England. The codes are derived from the Practitioner’s General Medical Council code (GMC code), to which a ‘C’ prefix is added.

How Maintained:

Hospital and Dental Consultant information is provided once a month by the Workforce & Facilities team within NHS England. The data is collated from an extract drawn from the Electronic Staff Record system (ESR).

Users should note that as the extract is sourced from ESR, it will not include any consultants working for an organisation that does not use the system. This also limits the extracts to NHS organisations.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
English Hospital Consultants	C	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	'GMC prefixed with a 'C'

File Format:

The econcur.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	GMC Code	7	Yes	General Medical Council Code
2	Practitioner Code	8	Yes	Consultant Code (GMC Code prefixed with 'C')
3	Surname	75	Yes	NHS Data Standards conformant
4	Initials	3	Yes	
5	Sex	1	Yes	F = Female M = Male
6	Main Specialty Code	3	Yes	As NHS Data Standards for Main Specialty Code
7	Practitioner Type	1	Yes	C = Consultant
8	Location Organisation Code	5	Yes	Organisation the Consultant is employed by, one of: NHS Trust Code Care Trust Code Special Health Authority Code
9	Null	0	No	Available for future use
10	Null	0	No	Available for future use
11	Null	0	No	Available for future use
12	Null	0	No	Available for future use
13	Null	0	No	Available for future use

10.2 Edconcur.csv

Description:

Dental Consultants in England

Contains:

Name and identifying codes for Dental Consultants employed by NHS Trusts in England. The codes are derived from the Practitioner's General Dental Council code (GDC code), to which a 'CD' prefix is added. GDC numbers can vary in length from 3 to 6 characters, so in order to maintain a standard length of 8 characters (the same as medical consultant codes) filling zeros are used between the prefix and the GDC number, where required.

Many consultants working in a dental specialty are also qualified doctors, and therefore have a GMC number in addition to their GDC number. In these cases, the consultants are allocated a Consultant Code (derived from their GMC number) and are therefore included in the consultant file econcur.csv.

There are some dental consultants however, who do not have a GMC number. They are qualified purely in their dental specialty and only have a GDC number. These consultants are included in edconcur.csv only.

How Maintained:

Hospital and Dental Consultant information is provided once a month by the Workforce & Facilities team within NHS England. The data is collated from an extract drawn from the Electronic Staff Record system (ESR).

Users should note that as the extract is sourced from ESR, it will not include any consultants working for an organisation that does not use the system. This also limits the extracts to a number of (NHS) organisation types: NHS Trusts, Sub ICB Locations, Care Trusts and Special Health Authorities.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
English Dental Consultants	C	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	GDC code prefixed with 'CD'. Note that filling zeros are used between the prefix and GDC code where the GDC code is less than 6 characters, to retain 8 char overall length.

File Format:

The Edconcur.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	GDC Code	6	Yes	General Dental Council code. Varies in length from 4-6
2	Dental Consultant Code	8	Yes	Consultant Code. GDC code prefixed with 'CD'. Note that filling zeros are used between the prefix and GDC code where the GDC code is less than 6 characters, to retain 8 char overall length.
3	Surname			
Surname	75	Yes		
4	Initials	3	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
5	Sex	1	Yes	F = Female M = Male
6	Main Specialty Code	3	Yes	As NHS Data Standards for Main Specialty Code
7	Practitioner Type	1	Yes	C = Consultant
8	Location Organisation Code	5	Yes	Organisation the Consultant is employed by. One of: NHS Trust Code Care Trust Code
9	Null	0	No	
10	Null	0	No	
11	Null	0	No	
12	Null	0	No	
13	Null	0	No	

11 Files in Detail - DfE Maintained Files

The following section lists detail for each of the files that the Department for Education maintains and provides to ODS to publish on its behalf.

11.1 Educationtype.csv

Description:

Types of establishment contained in the eschools.csv file

Contains:

A lookup file relating the two character Type of Establishment codes included in the eschools.csv file in field 25, to their meanings.

How Maintained:

ODS liaises with the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF). It is anticipated that changes will only occur in response to major Governmental education initiatives.

Code Formats:

File Format:

The educationtype.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Type of Establishment Code	2	Yes	
2	Type of Establishment	50	Yes	

11.2 Eschools.csv

Description:

Schools in England

Contains:

Name and identifying codes for schools in England. The codes are derived from the DfE Unique Reference Number, to which ODS add an 'EE' prefix. The file contains a number of different 'types' of establishment which is denoted by an indicator contained in field 25. The types included in the file are provided in a lookup file which is published separately and detailed above.

How Maintained:

The DfE supply ODS with extracts from their EduBase database on which they maintain information on Schools. EduBase is controlled by a Management Group which meets on a bi-monthly basis. All data on the system is held on behalf of what DfE call 'Data Owners'. These are teams that have primary responsibility for the data and who have the responsibility for ensuring its validity and veracity. When amendments to data are proposed by users other than the data owner, the EduBase Helpdesk will validate the proposed change with the appropriate data owner.

DfE contact all Local education Authorities (LAs) every year prior to September openings to capture new schools and ensure all their data is up to date. In between these censuses, DfE are reliant on info from Schools, LAs and teams in DfE for any mid-year changes.

Schools have access to a tool called the Schools Interface. This allows them to view and submit amendments to their contact details themselves. Such submissions are validated by DfE before implementation.

ODS receive updates of the data once a month from DfE. The extract received from DfE contains a subset of information in the published file; ODS use a bespoke database to process this and add in relevant NHS information that DfE do not have (such as the associated NHS organisations) and thereby produce the publication file.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Schools in England	E	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Formed from DfE Unique Reference Number, with EE prefix added by ODS

File Format:

The Eschools.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	Derived from DfE Unique Reference Number, prefixed with "EE"
2	Name	100	Yes	
3	National Grouping	5	No	
4	High Level Health Geography	5	No	
5	Address Line 1	100	No	
6	Address Line 2	40	No	
7	Address Line 3	40	No	
8	Address Line 4	30	No	
9	Address Line 5	30	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	Schools open before 1900 default to 01/01/1900
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Null	0	No	
14	Null	0	No	
15	Local Authority	5	Yes	Derived Geographically
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	18	No	If Available
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	
23	Null	0	No	
24	Current Care Organisation	5	Yes	Sub ICB Location Derived Geographically
25	Type of Establishment	2	Yes	See supporting file 'educationtype.csv' for definitions
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

12 Files in Detail - HSCNI Maintained Files

The following section lists detail for each of the files that Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland maintains and provides to ODS to publish on its behalf.

12.1 Ngpcur.csv

Description:

General Practitioners in Northern Ireland

Contains:

Name and address information and identifier codes for General Practitioners practising in Northern Ireland.

How Maintained:

GP data is provided in an extract from Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland (HSCNI). This provides a snapshot of the current position regarding GPs. This may not be the full information supplied for practitioners in other countries, e.g. it does not include joined and left dates, or amended indicator - just the full list of GPs as at the date it is provided to ODS.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions								Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
General Practitioners in Northern Ireland	Z	E,N, S and W	0- 9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0	0	

File Format:

The Ngpcur.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	8	Yes	Prefixed with Z then E, N, S or W. Suffixes with '00' (zero zero)
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	N/A N.I. Health and Social Service Board (SHAs do not exist in NI).
4	High Level Health Geography	3	Yes	As listed in niorg.csv with a '00' (zero-zero) suffix. Linked Geographically.
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	Defaults to 19740401 The ngpcur.csv file only provides snapshot of current N.I. GPs, updated quarterly
12	Null	0	No	N/A Not used - the npraccr.csv file only provides a snapshot of current N.I. GPs, updated quarterly
13	Status Code	1	No	A = Active Always set to 'A' – the ngpcur.csv file only provides a snapshot of current N.I. GPs, updated quarterly.
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	O = Other GP in practice (not Principal/Senior GP). GP Status - always set to 'O' as this is no longer recorded for Northern Ireland Practices.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Parent Organisation Code	6	Yes	Code of practice GP is associated with (listed in npracur.csv) Note that Join Parent and Left Parent dates are not populated as with NHS PS GP data.
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	If available
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '0' (zero) Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged.
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

12.2 Niarchive.csv

Description:

Archived Northern Ireland Organisations

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for organisations in Northern Ireland that have been closed prior to the beginning of the previous financial year.

How Maintained:

The maintenance of all organisation codes, including advice of closures, is performed via HSCNI contacts, as described for niorg.csv.

Code Formats:

File Format:

The Niarchive file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	Null	0	No	
5	Address Line 1	35	No	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	No	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	No	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	Yes	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	C = Closed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	A = Authority B = Board F = Fundholder L = Local Health & Social Care Group T = Trust
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Null	0	No	
19	Null	0	No	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '0' (zero)
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

12.3 Niorg.csv

Description:

Northern Ireland Organisations

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for Boards, Trusts and Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs) in Northern Ireland.

How Maintained:

In Northern Ireland, there is little or no change to the main organisations (boards/trusts) on a quarterly basis. If and when there are to be changes, the ODS contact at HSCNI will find out from contacts in other directorates within the department, rather than through any official lines of communication. The ODS contact is made aware through attendance at various meetings, if things such as trust mergers are planned and takes the initiative with regard to the creation of an organisation code which would then be circulated to the service and ODS.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
Health and Social Services Boards	Z	E,N,S and W	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Health and Social Services Trusts	Z	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	From the 1 April 2007, the 19 HSS Trusts were merged to become six Health

Organisation Type	Character Positions					Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	
						and Social Care Trusts.
Northern Ireland Non-HPSS Provider/Organisation	Z	7	0-9	0-9	0-9	
Regional Health Social Care Board	Z	B	0-9	0-9	0-9	
NI Health and Social Care Trusts	Z	T	0-9	0-9	0-9	
NI Local Commissioning Groups	Z	C	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The Niorg.csv file follows the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	5	Yes	
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	High Level Health Geography	3	Yes	N.I. Health and Social Service Board (SHAs do not exist in NI). Also have their own records within niorg.csv, suffixed with '00' (zero-zero) and linked to themselves within this field. Linked Geographically.
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
11	Open Date	8	Yes	
12	Close Date	8	No	
13	Status Code	1	Yes	A = Active C = Closed P = Proposed
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	Yes	L = Local Health & Social Care Group B = Board T = Trust A = Non-HPSS Provider/Organisation
15	Parent Organisation Code	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '0' (zero) Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged.
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

12.4 Nihscgpr.csv

Description:

GP Practices by Local Commissioning Group in Northern Ireland

Contains:

A mapping of GP Practice codes to the relevant LCG for the area within which they work.

How Maintained:

The nlhscgpr.csv file is maintained as a by-product of the other files recording N.I. GP and Organisation information. Maintenance of all Northern Ireland data, including to which LCG practices belong, comes from HSCNI contacts, as described for npraccr.csv and niorg.csv.

Code Formats:

All the identifier codes used within the nlhscgpr.csv mapping file are codes used elsewhere within the npraccr.csv (N.I. GP Practice codes) and niorg.csv (N.I. Organisation codes) files. Users should refer to these files' own sections for further information.

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
GP Practice to Local Commissioning Group Mapping in Northern Ireland	Z	0	0	0-9	0-9	0-9	

File Format:

The Nihscgpr.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	6	Yes	NI GP Practice Code
2	Parent Organisation Code	5	Yes	LCG Code
3	Parent Organisation Type	1	Yes	
4	Join Parent Date	8	Yes	
5	Left Parent Date	8	No	
6	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '0' (zero) Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged.

12.5 Npraccr.csv

Description:

GP Practices in Northern Ireland

Contains:

Name and address information and identifying codes for GP Practices in Northern Ireland.

How Maintained:

The npraccur file is provided to the HSCNI in an extract from the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency (CSA). This provides a snapshot of the current position regarding GP Practices in Northern Ireland. This may not be the full information as supplied for practices in other countries, e.g. it does not include joined and left dates, or amended indicator - just the full list of GP Practices that exist at the date CSA provides it to HSCNI.

Code Formats:

Organisation Type	Character Positions						Notes / Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
GP Practices in Northern Ireland	Z	0	0	0-9	0-9	0-9	Z00 = N.I. prefix nnn = unique N.I. practice code

File Format:

The Npraccur.csv file DOES NOT follow the standard 27 field format.

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
1	Organisation Code	6	Yes	Z00 = N.I. prefix nnn = unique N.I. practice code
2	Name	50	Yes	
3	Null	0	No	
4	High Level Health Geography	3	Yes	Northern Ireland Health and Social Service Board (SHAs do not exist in NI). As listed in niorg.csv with a '00' (zero-zero) suffix. Linked Geographically.
5	Address Line 1	35	Yes	
6	Address Line 2	35	No	
7	Address Line 3	35	No	
8	Address Line 4	35	Yes	
9	Address Line 5	35	No	
10	Postcode	8	Yes	
11	Open Date	8	Yes	Defaults to 19740401 - the npraccur.csv file only provides

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
				snapshot of open practices, updated quarterly
12	Close Date	8	No	n/a Not used - the npraccr.csv file only provides snapshot of open practices, updated quarterly
13	Status Code	1	No	A = Active Always set to 'A' – the npraccr.csv file only provides snapshot of open practices, updated quarterly.
14	Organisation Sub-Type Code	1	No	9 = Status not known GP Fund-holder Status. Always set to 9 as this is no longer recorded for Northern Ireland Practices.
15	Null	0	No	
16	Null	0	No	
17	Null	0	No	
18	Contact Telephone Number	12	No	
19	Null	0	No	
20	Null	0	No	
21	Null	0	No	
22	Amended Record Indicator	1	Yes	Set to '0' (zero) Full extract supplied each time, amendments not flagged.
23	Null	0	No	
24	Null	0	No	
25	Null	0	No	
26	Null	0	No	
27	Null	0	No	

13 Files in Detail - ONS Maintained Files

The following section lists details for each of the files that the Office for National Statistics maintains and provides to ODS to publish on its behalf.

13.1 Pcodeall.csv (and subsets / y56 / y58 / y59 / y60 / y61 / y62 / y63 / oth / wsn)

Description:

ODS Postcode Directories

Contains:

UK Postcodes linked to Primary Care Organisations (e.g. Local Health Boards) that are responsible for the area they fall within. The ODS Postcode Directories can be considered as reduced versions of the NHS Postcode Directories (filenames prefixed 'grid...') which are detailed in their own section.

The data is made available in a range of different files: one full file which provides ALL postcodes in the UK (along with their associated organisations) and then a series of other files that provide the same data but separated out to cover various parts of the country. This is done to make use of the data more practical due to the sheer size of the full file. Note that the basis for this geographical split is the areas covered by NHS England (Region, Local Office).

The filenames and their content ranges are as follows:

Filename	Contents
Pcodeall.csv	Postcodes in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands
Pcodey56.csv	Postcodes in London Commissioning Region
Pcodey58.csv	Postcodes in South West Commissioning Region
Pcodey59.csv	Postcodes in South East Commissioning Region
Pcodey60.csv	Postcodes in Midlands Commissioning Region
Pcodey61.csv	Postcodes in East of England Commissioning Region
Pcodey62.csv	Postcodes in North West Commissioning Region
Pcodey63.csv	Postcodes in North East and Yorkshire Commissioning Region
Pcodewsn.csv	Postcodes in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
Pcodeoth.csv	Postcodes in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, unallocated postcodes and pseudo codes

How Maintained:

The geographical mapping information for NHS organisations is maintained by the ONS in conjunction with Ordnance Survey and various other Health organisations in the UK (including ODS).

The NHS Postcode Directory (NHSPD) is derived from the National Statistics Postcode Directory (NSPD), which itself is based upon the data set produced by the Gridlink Consortium (ONS, Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail). Royal Mail provide a monthly list of all current postcodes, to which ONS add temporary 'imputed' grid references where necessary and OS then update with accurate, surveyed grid references. To this 'core' dataset of postcode, grid reference, ward code and health area code, ONS add information on a wide range of administrative, statistical and other geographies based on maintained digital boundaries and the OS-supplied grid references. This is produced quarterly as the NSPD and a subset of this information is produced as the NHSPD.

File Format:

The pcode....csv range of files DOES NOT follow the template in Table A.4 a. The template should be disregarded for this file and the table below taken as a diagram in its own right:

Column	Field Content	Max length	Notes
1.	Postcode	8	
2.	High Level Health Geography	5	<p>The Integrated Care Board code for each postcode. Pseudo codes are included for Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man. The field will otherwise be blank for postcodes with no grid reference.</p> <p>QAA – QZZ, A0A0A-Z9Z9Z = England; 7A1-7A7, A0A0A-Z9Z9Z = Wales (LHB); SA9 - SZ9 = Scotland (HB); ZB1 = Northern Ireland (HSCB); YAC = Isle of Man (HA); YAD - YAF = Channel Islands (HA); null = no information available</p>
3.	Primary Care Organisation of Residence	5	<p>The code for the Sub ICB Location areas in England, LHBs in Wales, CHPs in Scotland, LCG in Northern Ireland and PHD in the Isle of Man; there are no equivalent areas in the Channel Islands (for which a pseudo code is included). The field will be blank for postcodes in England or Wales with no grid reference.</p> <p>00A-99Z, A0A0A-Z9Z9Z = England (Sub ICB Location); 7A1-7A7, A0A0A-Z9Z9Z = Wales (LHB); 001-043 = Scotland (CHP); ZC1-ZC5 = Northern Ireland (LCG); YK1 = Isle of Man (PHD); X98 (pseudo) = Channel Islands (and also in conjunction with pseudo country postcode); null = no information available</p>

File Access:

[ODS Download Page](#)

13.2 gridall.csv (and subsets / y56 / y58 / y59 / y60 / y61 / y62 / y63 / oth / wsn)

Description:

NHS Postcode Directories (NHSPD)

Contains:

UK Postcodes linked to various geographical entities that apply to the area they fall within. The NHS Postcode Directories can be considered as greatly expanded versions of the ODS Postcode Directories (filenames prefixed 'pcode...') which are detailed in their own section.

The data is made available in a range of different files: one full file which provides ALL postcodes in the UK (along with their associated geographies) and then a series of other files that provide the same data but separated out to cover various parts of the country. This is done to ease the practical use of the data due to the sheer size of the full file.

The filenames and their content ranges are as follows:

Filename	Contents
Gridall.csv	Postcodes in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands
Gridy56.csv	Postcodes in London Commissioning Region

Filename	Contents
Gridy58.csv	Postcodes in South West Commissioning Region
Gridy59.csv	Postcodes in South East Commissioning Region
Gridy60.csv	Postcodes in Midlands Commissioning Region
Gridy61.csv	Postcodes in East of England Commissioning Region
Gridy62.csv	Postcodes in North West Commissioning Region
Gridy63.csv	Postcodes in North East and Yorkshire Commissioning Region
Gridwsn.csv	Postcodes in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
Gridoth.csv	Postcodes in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, unallocated postcodes and pseudo codes

How Maintained:

The geographical mapping information for NHS organisations is maintained by the ONS in conjunction with Ordnance Survey and the Department of Health.

The NHS Postcode Directory (NHSPD) is derived from the National Statistics Postcode Directory (NSPD), which itself is based upon the data set produced by the Gridlink Consortium (ONS, Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail). Royal Mail provide a monthly list of all current postcodes, to which ONS add temporary 'imputed' grid references where necessary and OS then update with accurate, surveyed grid references. To this 'core' dataset of postcode, grid reference, ward code and health area code, ONS add information on a wide range of administrative, statistical and other geographies based on maintained digital boundaries and the OS-supplied grid references. This is produced quarterly as the NSPD and a subset of this information is produced as the NHSPD.

File Format:

The grid....csv range of files DOES NOT follow the template in Table A.4 a. The template should be disregarded for this file. Due to the large range of geographies linked within the file, and its overall complexity, the file format will not be listed here. Users should instead refer to the ONS maintained NHSPD User Guide, and NHSPD Version Notes which are both published with each update of the files. Both documents can be obtained via links on the download pages for the ONS files (provided below) or through the online TRUD service.

File Access:

[ODS Download Page](#)

13.3 ONS NHSPD Lookup Files

Description:

The ONS supply a series of text files that provide mappings for a number of the codes referenced within the extended Postcode Directory to their respective values.

ONS provide a series of NHSPD lookup files that have self-explanatory names and content; therefore, this information is not provided here.