

Statement of Administrative Sources



Annex B: Supporting metadata

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Section 1: Statistical End Product	Hospital Prescribing, England		
Section 2: Original Administrative/Management Source/System	Name	Source 1	Source 2
		IMSHealth HPAI (for some of data used)	ePACT system (for some of data used)
	Name of the organisation	IMSHealth	Prescription Services, NHS

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	responsible		Business Services Authority
	Purpose of the administrative source	Record of issues from hospital pharmacies	Re-imburement of dispensers
	Unit of Inquiry	Pack	Prescription
	Intended Coverage	All prescriptions issued in hospitals in England	All prescriptions prescribed in England
	Actual Coverage	Trusts covering over 95% of acute beds	All prescriptions prescribed in England
	Geographical Coverage	England	England
	Lowest level of Geographical Coverage	Strategic Health Authority (SHA)	Primary Care Trust (PCT)
	Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?	Occasional communications and meetings with IMSHealth staff	Quarterly liaison meetings between IC, Department of Health (DH) and Prescription Services
	Data definitions used	Packs and cost	Items, quantity and cost
	Classification systems used	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical	British National Formulary
	Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/ Timing 2)Validation process	Data is provided to the IC by IMSHealth monthly about 2 weeks after the end of the month. We are reliant on IMSHealth's quality control Data is provided to the IC by Prescription Services monthly about 6 weeks after the end of the month. We are reliant on Prescription Services' quality control
	Access Arrangements	Controlled by data controller	Controlled by data controller
	Dissemination Procedures	Data is sold by IMSHealth	ePACT data are made available to DH, SHAs and PCTs by NHS Prescription Services before

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			our publication.
	Publication procedure	None	A little data is published, i.e. made available to the public, through Prescription Services' website. However some is made available before we publish.
	Timing/Periodicity of public release	None	On a monthly basis.
	Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics	Re-organisation of NHS	Re-organisation of NHS
Section 3: Change Process	IMSHealth HPAI (for some of data used)	No formal change process. If SHAs change then data is aggregated to new configuration if possible.	
	ePACT system (for some of data used)	No formal change process. If SHAs change then data is aggregated to new configuration if possible.	
Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process		IMSHealth HPAI (for some of data used)	ePACT system (for some of data used)
	Validation procedures	Data is independently extracted by another member of staff and compared with initial extraction. Results compared with previous year.	Data is independently extracted by another member of staff and compared with initial extraction. Results compared with previous year.
	Quality assessment	Such information as is available is summarised in the publication.	Prescription Services have an accuracy target of payments to dispensers being between 99.8% and 100.2% of the "true" payment

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			as determined by a statistical process.
	Periodicity of release	Annual in October	Annual in October
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Limited	Limited
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	Data is aggregated to new configuration.	We would estimate the impact and provide conversion.

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