

Statement of Administrative Sources



Annex B: Supporting metadata

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

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	responsible		Business Services Authority
	Purpose of the administrative source	Record of issues from hospital pharmacies	Re-imbusement 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	As above
	Geographical Coverage	England	England
	Lowest level of Geographical Coverage	SHA	PCT
	Extent to which statistical end-producers can influence system?	Occasional communications and meetings with IMSHealth staff	Quarterly liaison meetings between IC, DH and Prescription Services
	Data definitions used	Packs and cost	Items, quantity and cost; data is converted to Defined Daily Doses. Details of data contained in Prescription Services database can be found at http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/815.aspx Details of Defined Daily Doses can be found at http://www.whooc.no/atc_ddd_index/
	Classification systems used	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical	British National Formulary, published by the British Medical Association

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			and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, see www.bnf.org.uk
	Data Collection Process	1)Periodicity/ Timing 2)Validation process	Data is provided monthly about 2 weeks after the end of the month. No validation process is applied by the IC so we are reliant on IMSHealth's quality control
	Access Arrangements		Controlled by data controller
	Dissemination Procedures		Data is sold by IMSHealth
	Publication procedure		Controlled by data controller
	Timing/Periodicity of public release		ePACT data are made available to DH, SHAs and PCTs by NHS Prescription Services
	Nature of changes to system that could impact on statistics		None
			A little data is published, i.e. made available to the public, through Prescription Services' website.
			On a monthly basis.
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Section 3: Change Process	IMSHealth HPAI system (for some of data used)		No formal process
	ePACT system (for some of data used)		No formal process

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Section 4: The subsequent statistical production process		IMSHealth HPAI system (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.	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 as determined by a statistical process.
	Periodicity of release	First publication was in September 2009. Next is planned for October 2010. Subsequent publications depend on resolving experimental nature of some statistics and continued funding being made available.	First publication was in September 2009. Next is planned for October 2010. Subsequent publications depend on resolving experimental nature of some statistics and continued funding being made available.
	Potential impact of changes to the source on the statistics produced	Limited	Limited
	Procedures for mitigating such discontinuities	Data would be aggregated to new configuration.	We would estimate the impact and provide conversion.

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