

Egpcur.csv

Description:

Current GP Practitioners 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 Service 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 Service allocate further codes not based on the DIN. A GP can therefore have multiple GNC codes, one for each practice he works at 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 Service establish main contacts within CCGs 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 Service's systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Service 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	3	No	Based on Parent Practice
4	High Level Health Geography	3	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	3	No	Primary Care Organisation for the GPs Current or latest GP Practice
25	Null	0	No	

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