

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 Service 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 CCG, 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 Service data; in reality the NHS Prescription Service 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 Service relies 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 Service's systems on an ongoing basis, with the NHS Prescription Service 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	

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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	
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	3	No	As advised by NHS England
4	High Level Health Geography	3	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

Column	Field Content	Size	Mandatory	Notes
15	Commissioner	3	No	Code for the Commissioning Organisation (derived geographically)
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, CCG
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
27	Null	0	No	