# Publication Summary

## Quality and Outcomes Framework
### Prevalence, achievement, payment and exceptions data for Scotland, 2011/2012

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## About this Release

The Quality & Outcomes Framework (QOF) measures a General Practice's achievement against a set of evidence-based indicators. Payments are made to each General Practice on the basis of their achievements against those indicators.

This QOF publication contains information for 2011/12 on General Practices with a registered population in Scotland. These represent 95% of all practices in Scotland, and do not include various specialist practices such as practices offering only Out of Hours services and practices for patients with challenging behaviour. The publication includes details of practices' participation in QOF, prevalence of selected health conditions, practices' achievements against their selected indicators and the payments that are made to practices as a result of those achievements.

## Key Points

- In 2011/12, 993 of the 998 GP practices with a registered population in Scotland took part in QOF.
- The average number of points achieved by GMS practices was 981 out of a maximum of 1000. This was an increase from 977 in 2010/11.
- The largest increase achieved for a group of clinical indicators between 2010/11 and 2011/12 was in the depression indicator group. This increased from 88.3% to 91.6%, a difference of 3.3 percentage points.
- The average QOF payment to a GMS practice for 2011/12 was £138,900. This was up from £132,600 in 2010/11.

## Background

A new GMS contract was implemented throughout the United Kingdom on 1st April 2004. The new contract was introduced to support the ongoing development of primary care, and to give greater flexibility in how general practices deliver patient care, and are paid. A fundamental component of the new GMS contract is a system of financial incentives for delivering clinical and organisational quality - the Quality & Outcomes Framework (QOF).

The QOF measures a general practice's achievement against a scorecard of evidence-based indicators. These indicators span four domains: clinical, organisational, patient experience and additional services. In 2011/12, practices could score up to a maximum of 1,000 points across 134 indicators.

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