

# Publication Summary



## Practice Team Information (PTI)

### Annual Update (2012/13)

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### About this Release

Practice Team Information (PTI) collects information from a sample of around 60 Scottish general practices about face-to-face consultations between patients and a GP or practice-employed nurse. The PTI website shows estimates of the numbers of patients consulting and the numbers of consultations, by age, gender, deprivation, staff discipline and practice and separately for 17 conditions. This publication provides new information for the financial year 2012/13, and updates figures published previously for the years 2003/04 to 2011/12.

### Key Points

- GPs and practice-employed nurses in Scotland had an estimated 24.2 million consultations with patients in 2012/13 (with a 95% confidence interval of 23.2 to 25.2 million). Overall, this is a rise of 2.5 million compared to 2003/04, when PTI recording started.
- The number of GP consultations decreased by 1.4% on the previous year from 16.5 to 16.2 million. Over the 10 years of PTI, GP consultations rose by 3.9% from 15.6 million to 16.2 million. For practice nurse consultations, they rose by 31% from 6.1 million to 8.0 million over the same period and account for nearly a third of all consultations in 2012/2013.
- The estimated average number of GP or practice nurse contacts per patient in 2012/13 was 4.4. Of the patients registered with a practice, 12.1% of males and 4.6% of females did not consult at all in the year. Just over 12% of all patients had 10 or more contacts; 62% of these patients were female. Consultation rates increased with age (with the exception of the youngest age group), and were higher in females than in males.

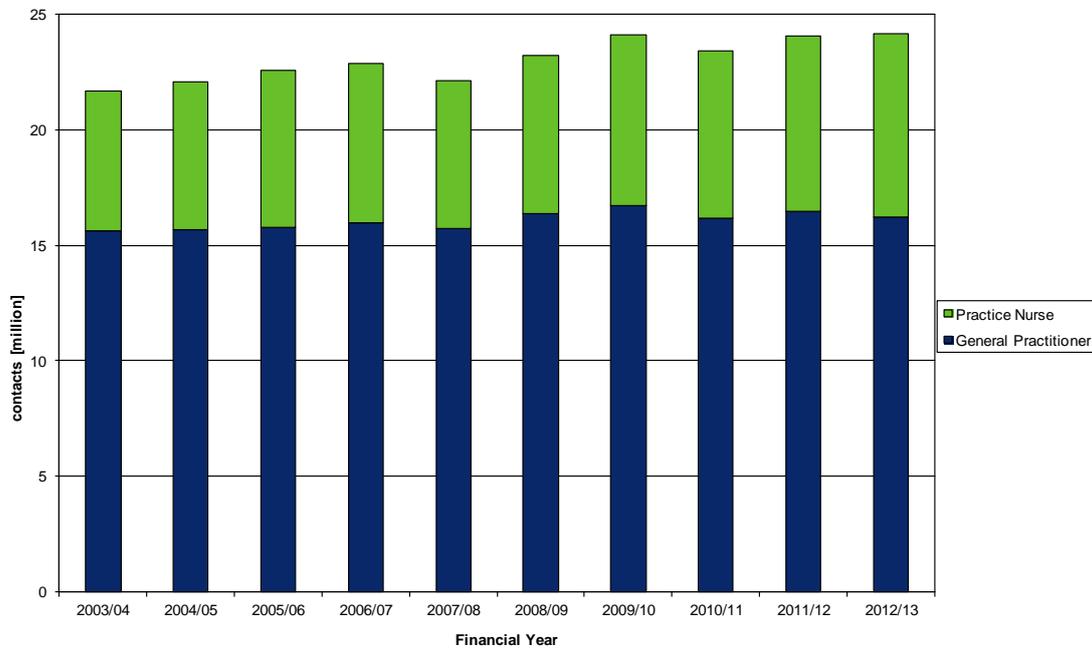
### Background

Most figures in the publication are estimates based on the 6% of Scottish practices participating in PTI. More details on the estimation methods can be found in the [Statistical Notes](#).

Previously, the most recent age-gender-deprivation category was applied retrospectively to all historical data. With new postcodes being introduced, alterations or withdrawal of existing postcodes as well as regular updates of the deprivation calculation and

categorisation, this could lead to a reduction in accuracy over time. Estimates now use the appropriate deprivation release for that time period  
 Figures shown here are therefore not strictly comparable to those published previously (see [‘Note of Revisions’](#) on the PTI website or Appendix 1 of the full report).

**Fig 1. Estimated number of patient contacts (millions) with GPs and practice nurses, financial years 2003/04 to 2012/13**



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