

# Publication Summary



## Quality and Outcomes Framework

Prevalence, achievement, payment and exceptions data for Scotland, 2013/14

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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 2013/14 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

- The average QOF payment to a GMS practice for 2013/14 was £130,600. This is down from £142,000 in 2012/13. This decrease was due to a number of reasons, notably the reduction in total available QOF points from 1,000 to 923 and was offset by changes to other (non-QOF) parts of the GP contract.
- The average number of points achieved by GMS practices was 901 out of a maximum of 923 (97.6%). This is a similarly high level of achievement to previous years.
- The largest increase in achievement for a group of clinical indicators between 2012/13 and 2013/14 was in the osteoporosis indicator group which was introduced in 2012/13. This increased from 84.7% to 91.9%, a difference of 7.2 percentage points.
- The largest decrease in achievement for a group of clinical indicators between 2012/13 and 2013/14 was in the cardiovascular disease indicator group. This decreased from 96.5% to 91.9%, a difference of 4.6 percentage points, principally due to the addition of a new indicator to the group for 2013/14.
- In 2013/14 a new indicator group for Rheumatoid Arthritis has been included in QOF with an overall achievement of 97.6% and QOF prevalence rate of 0.6%.

## 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 seven domains: clinical, public health, quality, medicines management, patient experience and additional services. In 2013/14, practices could score up to a maximum of 923 points across 124 indicators.

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