

# Publication Summary



## Quality and Outcomes Framework

Prevalence, achievement, payment and exceptions data for Scotland, 2014/15



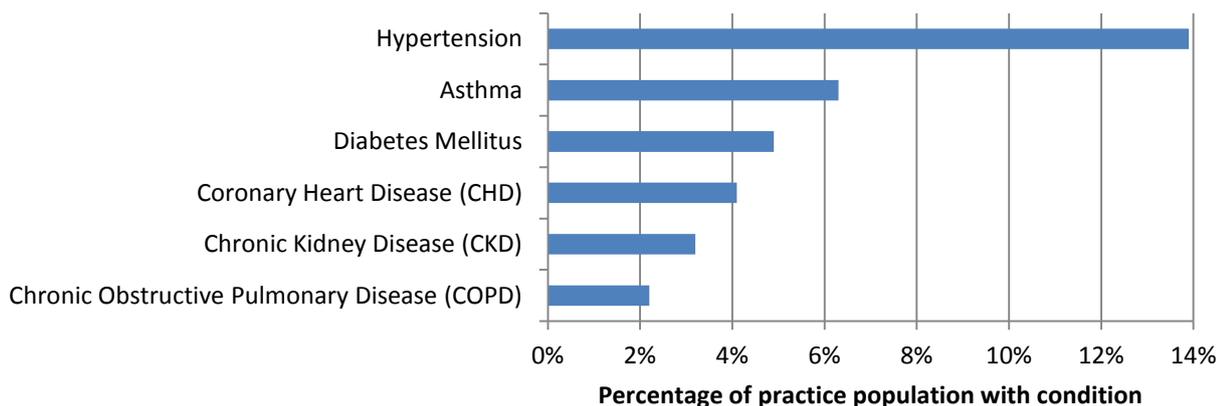
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### About this Release

This release by Information Services Division reports on the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), which measures a General Practice's achievement against a set of evidence-based indicators. Payments are made to each General Practice on the basis of points achieved against those indicators. This publication contains information for 95% of General Practices in 2014/15 with a registered population in Scotland. QOF is an important source of data to estimate the percentage of people with particular chronic conditions.

### Key Points

- Hypertension was the most prevalent symptom in the clinical indicator group (13.9%). This figure is similar to previous years. The chart below also shows the top six chronic conditions in this group.



- The permanent retirement of number of indicators resulted in a reduction in total available QOF points from 923 to 659.
- The average QOF payment to a practice with a General Medical Services (GMS) contract for 2014/15 was £95,000. This is a significant decrease, down from £130,600 in 2013/14. To offset the loss in funding due to the removal of QOF points, additional payments were transferred to the core funding element of the contract.

- Nearly a quarter of the 819 GP practices with a GMS contract (196, 23.9%) scored the maximum number of QOF points. This increased from 9.0% in 2013/14.
- The average number of points achieved by the 819 GMS practices was 645.4 out of a maximum of 659 (97.9%). This is a similar level of achievement compared to 2013/14 (97.6%).
- Peripheral Arterial Disease had the largest increase in achievement for a clinical indicator between 2013/14 (96.0%) and 2014/15 (98.5%).

## Background

The General Medical Services contract was introduced across the United Kingdom in April 2004 to support the ongoing development of primary care, and to give greater flexibility in how general practices deliver patient care, and are paid. A component of the contract is a system of financial incentives for delivering clinical, public health, medicines management and organisational quality - the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF).

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