About this Release
The information released in this publication falls into two main parts. The first part presents data on GPs contracted to work in Scottish practices in the years 2004 to 2011 at Scotland, NHS Board and Community Health Partnership (CHP/CHCP) level. GP Information is presented on:
- Age profile
- Gender profile
- Designation (e.g. Salaried GP or GP Registrar)

The second part of the release gives information on the practices and the patients registered with them, including:
- The broad age distribution of patients at NHS Board and CHP level
- The deprivation and urban/rural mix of practice populations

Key Points
- There has been a steady increase in the headcount of GPs contracted to work in Scottish practices since the introduction of the General Medical Services contract in 2004, rising from 4,456 in 2004 to 4,937 in 2011 (an increase of 10.8%).
- In the same time period there has been a large rise in the number of salaried GP posts, from 188 in 2004 to 533 in 2011 (an increase of 184%).
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