

# Quality and Outcomes Framework: Prevalence, achievement, payment and exceptions data for Scotland, 2015/16



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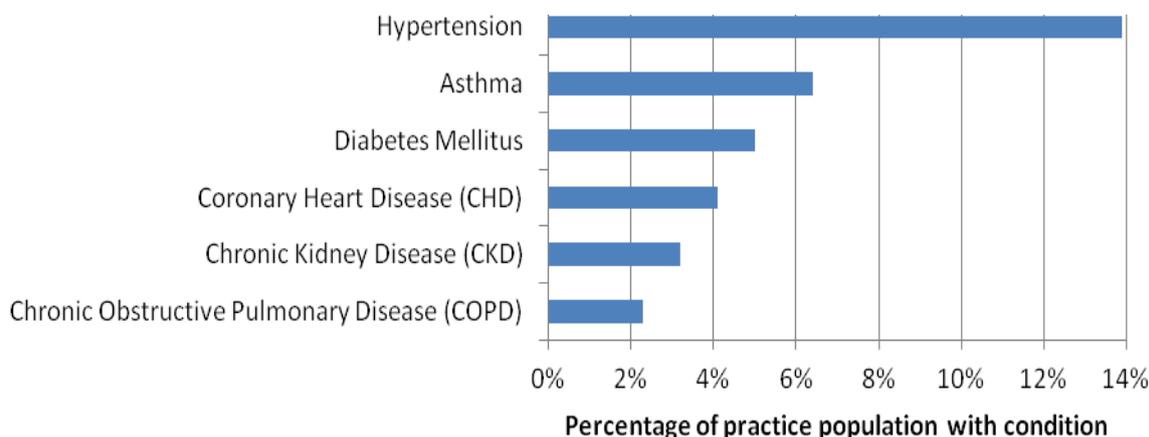
## About this release

As the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) was decommissioned on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 this is the final QOF publication. This release by Information Services Division reports on the 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 2015/16 with a registered population in Scotland. QOF is an important source of data to estimate the prevalence of particular chronic conditions.

## Main Points

- Hypertension (high blood pressure) was the most prevalent condition in the clinical indicator group (13.9%). This figure is similar to previous years.

### Top six chronic conditions in the clinical indicator group



- The Osteoporosis (brittle and fragile bones) indicator had the largest increase in achievement for a clinical indicator between 2014/15 and 2015/16. This increased from 87.3% to 92.3%, a difference of 5%.

## Background

The General Medical Services contract was introduced across the United Kingdom in April 2004 to support the ongoing development of primary care, to give greater flexibility in how general practices deliver patient care and as a means of payment. 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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## Further Information

Further information can be found in the full [Publication Report](#) or on the [ISD website](#), which also contains further [General Practice Publications](#). The [Scottish Health Survey](#) and the [Scottish Diabetes Survey](#) are also data sources which are used to create estimates on the prevalence of health conditions. Although this is the last QOF publication and data will no longer be extracted for payment purposes, 2016-17 QOF data will continue to be extracted to support the peer led GP Cluster Continuous Quality Improvement process as part of the latest GMS contract agreement.

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