

Publication Summary



Prescribing & Medicines: Minor Ailments Service (MAS)

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About this Release

This release provides information on the number of registrations and treatments for the Minor Ailment Service during financial year 2012/13. It contains a monthly breakdown of the number of patients registered for the service and provides information on the number of items dispensed through MAS.

Key Points

- The total number of MAS registrations increased by 5.2% between April 2012 and March 2013, indicating that the number of new registrations is slightly more than the number of lapsed registrations.
- In Scotland, 99.9% (1242 of 1243) of community pharmacies have patients registered for MAS at 31st March 2013.
- At 31st March 2013, 893,396 people were registered for the service. Across Scotland this equates to 17.0% of the population registered for MAS.
- Between April 2012 and March 2013 over 2 million items were dispensed under MAS at a cost of £4.45 million.
- MAS accounted for 2.15% of all items dispensed by community pharmacies in Scotland, with paracetamol the top item dispensed.

Background

The Minor Ailments Service (MAS) was introduced to allow community pharmacies to provide direct care for common conditions which require little or no medical intervention. MAS aims to support the provision of direct pharmaceutical care within the NHS by allowing eligible people to register with a community pharmacy for the consultation and treatment of common conditions. The pharmacist advises, treats or refers the person (or provides a combination of these actions) according to their needs. MAS went live across Scotland in July 2006, following the success of pilots in NHS Ayrshire & Arran and NHS Tayside.

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