

Publication Summary



Prescribing & Medicines: Minor Ailments Service (MAS)

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About this Release

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.

This release provides information on the number of registrations and treatments for the Minor Ailment Service during financial year 2013/14. 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

- Over 2 million items were dispensed under MAS at a cost of £4.75 million.
- MAS accounted for 2.2% of all items dispensed by community pharmacies in Scotland.
- Paracetamol was the top item dispensed in 2013/14, accounting for 21.1% of all MAS items.
- At 31 March 2014, 895,800 people were registered for the service. This equates to 16.9% of the Scotland population.
- All community pharmacies in Scotland had patients registered for MAS at 31st March 2014.
- The total number of MAS registrations decreased by 0.4% between April 2013 and March 2014, indicating that the number of new registrations was slightly less than the number of lapsed registrations.

Background

MAS enables 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 supports the provision of direct pharmaceutical care within NHSScotland.

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