

# Practice level Prescribing data

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## About this release

The Information Services Division is releasing NHSScotland prescribing data in two new formats today:

- **Practice-level prescribing Open Data:** Open data files enable in-depth independent analysis of NHSScotland prescribing data. The data are split by practice and by individual drug (ie at practice- and presentation-level).
- **Prescribing dashboards:** Interactive analytical dashboards with month-by-month summaries of prescription volumes and costs in Scotland's NHS Boards. These enable at-a-glance interpretation of high-level trends using the latest techniques and technologies in data visualisation.

## Find out more

Data is extracted from the Prescribing Information System. The dashboards replicate the summary statistics section of the annual Prescription Cost Analysis publication, with data going from 2005 to the most recent available (currently January 2016). The first publication of open data files will detail separately the four months from October 2015 to January 2016. Both publications will continue monthly as the data become available (with an approximate 2-3 month lag; February 2016 data will be released in May 2016).

This release is classed as 'official experimental statistics' to denote their status as a work in progress.

[The Open Data files and Summary Statistics dashboards are available from the Prescribing pages of our website.](#)

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