

Getting the best out of the Respiratory Medicines Prescribing Dashboard

The Respiratory Medicines Prescribing dashboard highlights variation in respiratory prescribing across CCGs in England. It also gives you access to local level data to establish your CCG's performance in this clinical area and how it can be improved.

Developed in collaboration

The Respiratory Medicines Prescribing Dashboard was developed in collaboration with the National Respiratory Dashboard Task and Finish group, utilising the rich source of prescribing data processed by the NHS Business Service Authority. The group comprises national respiratory specialists, who have agreed specific areas of focus with the aim of improving health outcomes for patients with respiratory conditions. These are represented as seven metrics:

- High dose ICSⁱ items as a % of all ICS items
- Inhaled steroid prevention (preventer therapy)
- Prescribing of Montelukast
- Prescribing frequency of Prednisolone 5mg tablets
- Prescribing of smoking cessation products
- Excess SABAⁱⁱ prescribing
- Patients on triple therapy

Improving health outcomes for patients with respiratory conditions

The dashboard is one of the tools which can be used to improve health outcomes for patients with respiratory conditions. It can help generate discussion about respiratory prescribing; help to identify areas for improvement in prescribing and also potentially inform identify best practice and future programmes of work.

Managing patients appropriately in the community and ensuring that their inhaled medicines are prescribed and used optimally, offers many benefits:

- Improvement in health outcomes for patients with respiratory conditions.
- Reduction in potential harmful effects of long term, high dose drugs.
- Prompts for timely reviews by prescribers and greater confidence in treatment for patients
- Reduction in non-elective admissions to hospital which is good for both patient and the system (hospital staff/hospital stays/ambulance service)
- Reduction in number of referrals to secondary care
- Reduction in sick absence days from work
- Reduced reliance on family members/others as a result of improved outcomes

Accessing the Respiratory Dashboard

The dashboard is available through our online application ePACT2. If you don't have access, and you wish to register for ePACT2, please email nhsbsa.registration@nhs.net

To help you to get the best out of the Respiratory Dashboard, we have developed some additional guidance which accompanies this document. You can also find it on our website [here](#).

Feedback

Our aim for the dashboard is to help you to deliver better outcomes for your patients so it is important that it works well for you. Feedback from CCGs so far regarding their experience of the Respiratory Prescribing dashboard has been invaluable and has helped us identify improvements and areas for development. If you have any comments or suggestions, please forward your feedback to nhsbsa.help@nhs.net . Help us to help you.

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ⁱ Inhaled Corticosteroid

ⁱⁱ Short Acting Beta-2 Agonist