**Electronic Repeat Dispensing**

**Data Definitions on NHS Number Data**

If you’ve requested NHS Number data from our EPS Support Team, this document outlines the data definitions.

**Data definitions**

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| **Drug name 1 - 9** | **The drug name will have an ordinal number next to it between 1 to 9. This shows the order of the drugs prescribed for 10 of the previous 12 months/at least 5 times in the last 12 months, plus in either of the last 2 months.** |
| **NHS No.** | The NHS Number of the patient who has been identified as having between 1 to 9 medicines prescribed for at least 10 of the previous 12 months or for between 5 to 9 months in the last 12 months and also in either of the last 2 months |
| **Number of drugs** | **This is the number of drugs that have been prescribed within the parameters; these drugs are potentially suitable to be prescribed through eRD.** |
| **Practice code** | This is the code used to identify the requesting practice. |
| **Report A** | Report A will identify patients who have received the same medicines (1 to 9) in the last 10, 11 or 12 months. |
| **Report B** | Report B will show patients who have not been identified in report A, who have received the same medicines for 5, 6, 7 ,8 or 9 months of the last 12 months, and have received the same medication in either of the last two months. |
| **Percentage of drugs** | This is the percentage of a patient’s medicines that are for prescribed for the appropriate period of the report. For example: • Patient receives Med A for 10 months, Med B for 10 months and no other meds – the 'percentage of drugs' would say 100% (20/20\*100). These patients may be considered the most straightforward to move to eRD • Patient receives Med A for 10 months, Med B for 10 months and Med C in 2 months – the 'percentage of drugs' column would say 91% (20/22\*100) • Patient receives Med A for 10 months, Med B for 10 months, Med C in 2 months, Med D in 3 months and Med E in 6 months – the 'percentage of drugs' column would say 65% (20/31\*100) |
| **Total number of drugs** | This is the total number of medicines for the patient, that have been prescribed during the period |

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