

electronic Repeat Dispensing

Data definitions for NHS Number data

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

Data definitions

Drug name 1 to 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	<p>This is the percentage of a patient's medicines that are for prescribed for the appropriate period of the report. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient receives Med A for 10 months, Med B for 10 months and no other meds – the 'percentage of drugs' would say 100% ($20/20 \times 100$). 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

	<p>'percentage of drugs' column would say 91% (20/22*100)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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