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Prescriptions by GPs in Wales, 2014-15

This release gives information on prescription items dispensed in 2014-15 which were prescribed by GPs (General Medical Practitioners) in Wales, highlighting the main trends and patterns in prescribing over the previous 10 years. It aims to provide statistical context for current prescribing policy in Wales.

Prescription statistics published here are based on information obtained from prescriptions sent to Prescribing Services, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership for payment. Data captured by Prescribing Services in the prescription pricing and remuneration process are also available on their website at: <http://www.primarycareservices.wales.nhs.uk/data-publications>.

The data is presented largely in terms of 'prescription items' which refers to single items prescribed by a doctor on a prescription form. If a prescription form includes three items it is counted as three prescription items. Please see full definitions of this ([items dispensed](#)) and the measure of cost used ([net ingredient cost](#)) in the [notes](#) section at the end of the release. A large amount of complex data on prescriptions is available from these sources; it should be interpreted with the explanatory [notes](#) provided on pages 13 to 18 and with reference to the [Quality Report](#) written to aid understanding and to avoid any misinterpretation of the figures.

Contact details are provided in case users require further data or advice on interpretation.

Further breakdown of the data to Local Health Board level can be found on the Welsh Government's interactive data dissemination service, StatsWales: www.statswales.wales.gov.uk

Key points:

- Between 2004-05 and 2014-15 the number of prescription items dispensed in Wales increased by 46% from 53.9 to 78.5 million ([Table 1](#)).
- Over the decade the net ingredient cost (NIC) of prescription items prescribed by GPs in Wales increased by 0.8% to £581.4 million ([Table 3](#)).

Compared to the rest of the UK^(a):

- Wales dispensed the highest number of prescription items per head of population - 25.4 compared to 21.6 in Northern Ireland, 19.6 in England and 19.0 in Scotland ([Chart 9](#)).
- Wales had the second lowest net ingredient cost per head of population - £185.46 compared to £228.48 in Northern Ireland, £190.29 in Scotland and £162.98 in England ([Chart 10](#)).
- Wales had the lowest net ingredient cost per prescription item - £7.30 compared to £8.32 in England, £10.02 in Scotland and £10.60 in Northern Ireland ([Chart 11](#)).

(a) To enable comparisons to be made with the other UK countries the Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA) data is used. See [notes](#) at end of release.

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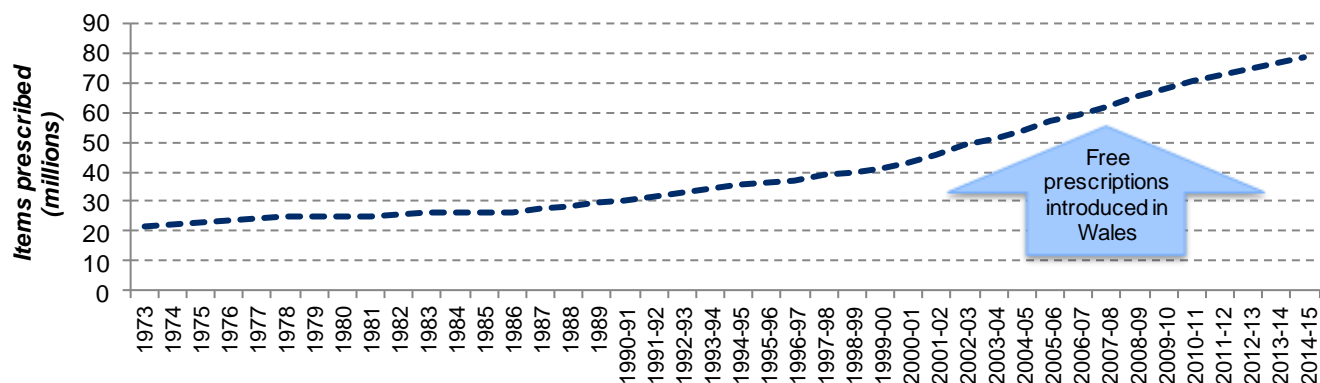
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Wales trends

Chart 1 shows the number of prescription items prescribed (and dispensed) or dispensed by GPs in Wales. These GP prescriptions are referred to in the release as items 'prescribed' by GPs. Prescriptions in Wales have been free since 1 April 2007.

- ◆ Between 2004-05 and 2014-15 the number of prescription items dispensed in Wales increased by 46% from 53.9 to 78.5 million.

Chart 1: Prescription items (millions) (a)



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NOTE: (a) Items prescribed (and dispensed) or dispensed by GPs in Wales. Not all items prescribed are actually dispensed.

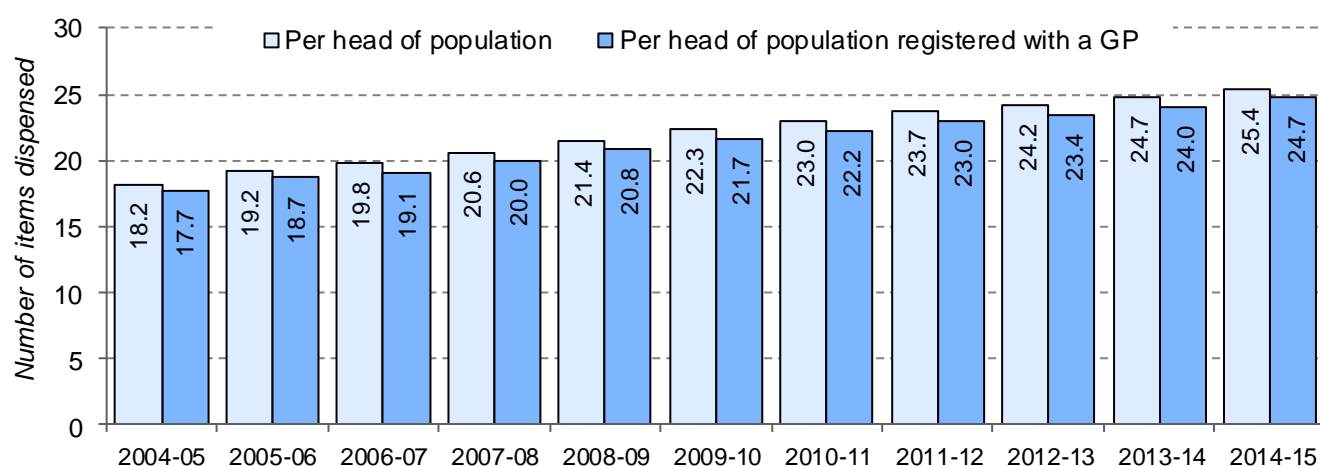
Chart 2 shows the number of prescription items prescribed by GPs, per head of population in Wales.

There are two measures included here: the mid year estimates of population published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), and the number of people registered with a GP. The latter is generally 3 per cent higher than the population estimates and the number of items per head is therefore lower. Rates per person registered with a GP are referred to as rates 'per head of population registered with a GP'.

Between 2004-05 and 2014-15:

- ◆ the number of items prescribed per head of population (mid year estimate) rose by 39% from 18.2 to 25.4; and
- ◆ the number of items per head of population registered with a GP rose by 40% from 17.7 to 24.7.

Chart 2: Prescription items per head of population



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership; Office for National Statistics; GMS Census

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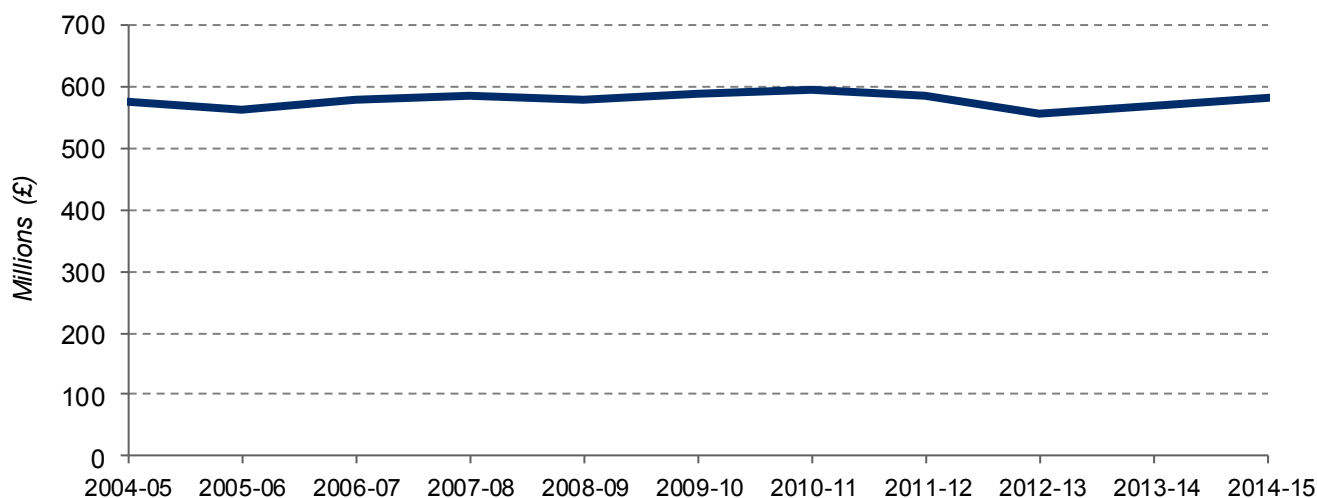
Revised mid-year population estimates for Wales for 2003-2011 were used in release SDR132/13 issued on 14 August 2013.

(a) Items prescribed (and dispensed) or dispensed by GPs in Wales. Not all items prescribed are actually dispensed.

Chart 3 shows the net ingredient cost - see note (a) - of items prescribed by GPs in Wales.

- ◆ Between 2004-05 and 2014-15 the net ingredient cost of prescription items prescribed by GPs in Wales increased by 0.8% to £ 581.4 million.
- ◆ The total net ingredient cost in 2014-15 rose by 2.1% compared with 2013-14.

Chart 3: Net ingredient cost (£ millions) (a)



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

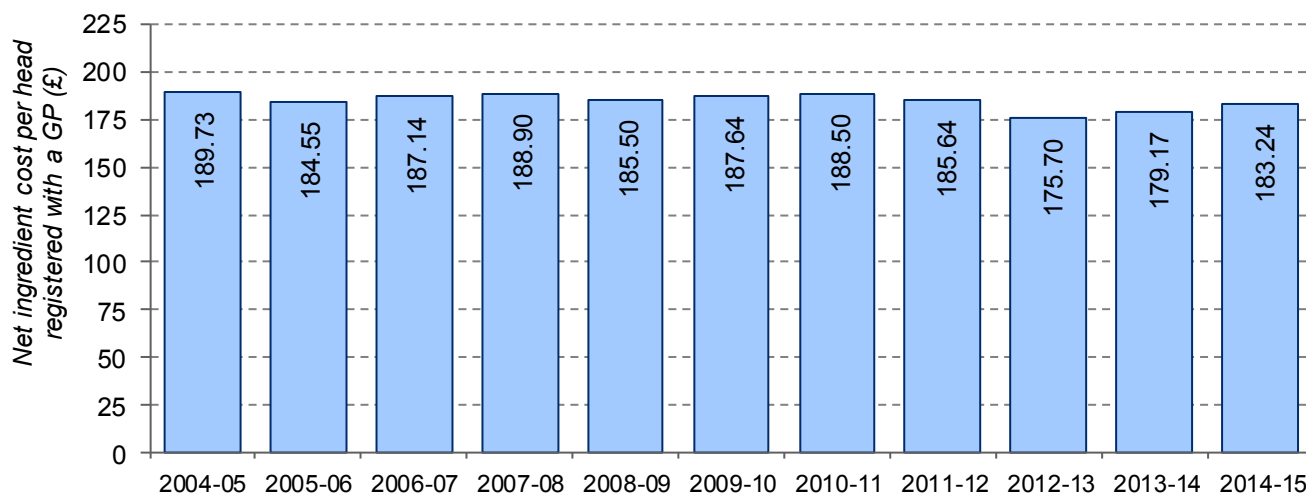
NOTE:

(a) Refers to the cost (which the dispenser is reimbursed) of the drug before discounts and does not include any dispensing costs or fees. It does not include any adjustment where the patient has purchased a pre-payment certificate (before 2007).

Chart 4 shows the net ingredient cost - see note (a) - of items prescribed by GPs in Wales, per head of population registered with a GP.

- ◆ The net ingredient cost in 2014-15 was equivalent to £183.24 per head of population registered with a GP, up from £179.17 in 2013-14 (2.3%).

Chart 4: Net ingredient cost per head of population registered with a GP (a)



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership; GMS Census

NOTE:

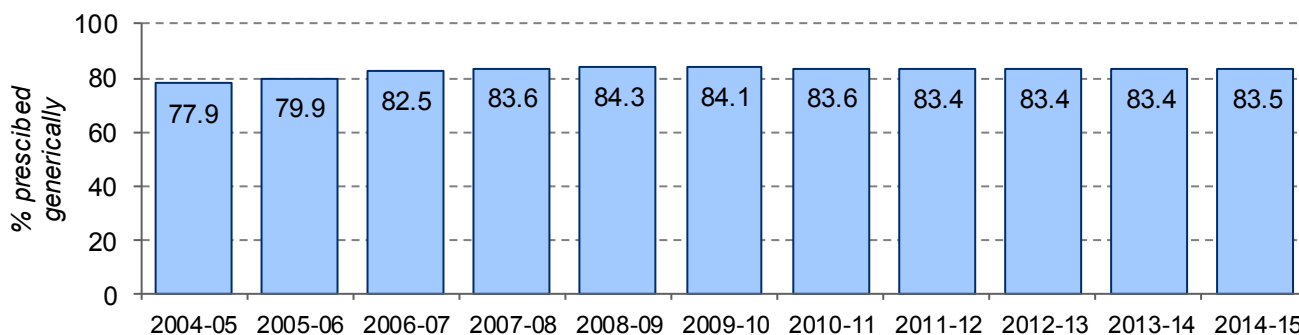
(a) Refers to the cost (which the dispenser is reimbursed) of the drug before discounts and does not include any dispensing costs or fees. It does not include any adjustment where the patient has purchased a pre-payment certificate (before 2007).



Chart 5 shows the percentage of prescription items prescribed generically.

- ◆ Between 2004-05 and 2014-15 the percentage of prescription items prescribed generically rose from 77.9% to 83.5%

Chart 5: Prescription items prescribed generically (%) (a)



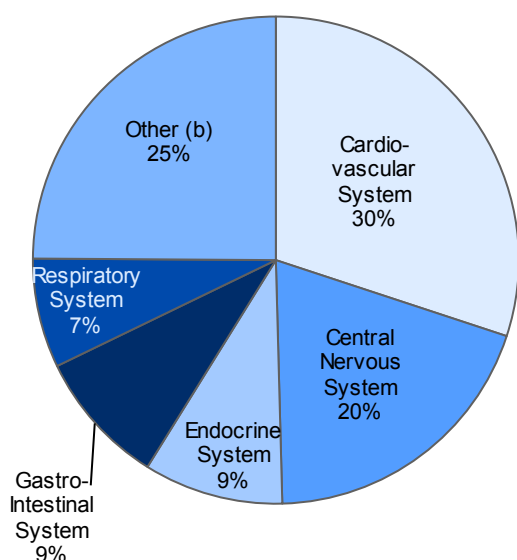
Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NOTE: (a) See the [notes](#) section at the end of the release for the definition of 'prescribed generically'

Chart 6 shows the proportion of items prescribed in Wales, while **Chart 7** shows the cost of prescription items in Wales, both by therapeutic class during 2014-15.

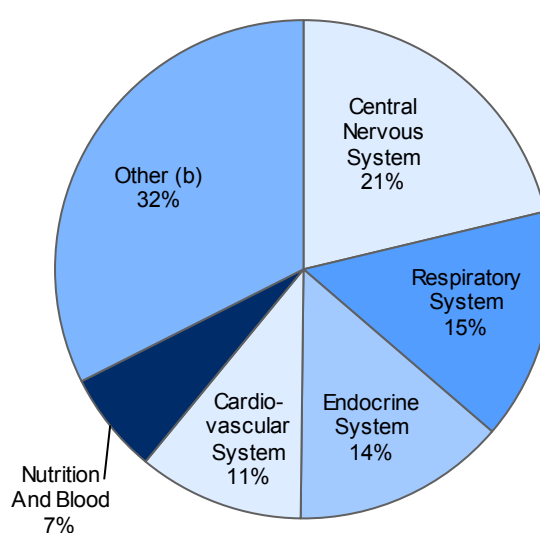
- ◆ Half of all prescription **items** prescribed in Wales were for treatment of the cardiovascular and central nervous systems.
- ◆ Almost a third (30% or 23.6 million) of prescription **items** prescribed were for treatment of the cardiovascular system; this equates to 7.4 items per head of population registered with a GP.
- ◆ 20% (15.3 million) **items** were prescribed for the treatment of the central nervous system, equal to 4.8 items per head of population registered with a GP.
- ◆ Although the number of **items** prescribed for treatment of the central nervous and cardiovascular systems accounted for half of the total items prescribed (see [Chart 6](#)), the **net ingredient cost (NIC)** for the same classes only accounted for 32% of the total (see [Chart 7](#)).

Chart 6: Prescription items by therapeutic class(a), 2014-15



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Chart 7: Net ingredient cost (£ millions), by therapeutic class(a), 2014-15



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NOTES:

(a) See the [notes](#) for a list of therapeutic classes.

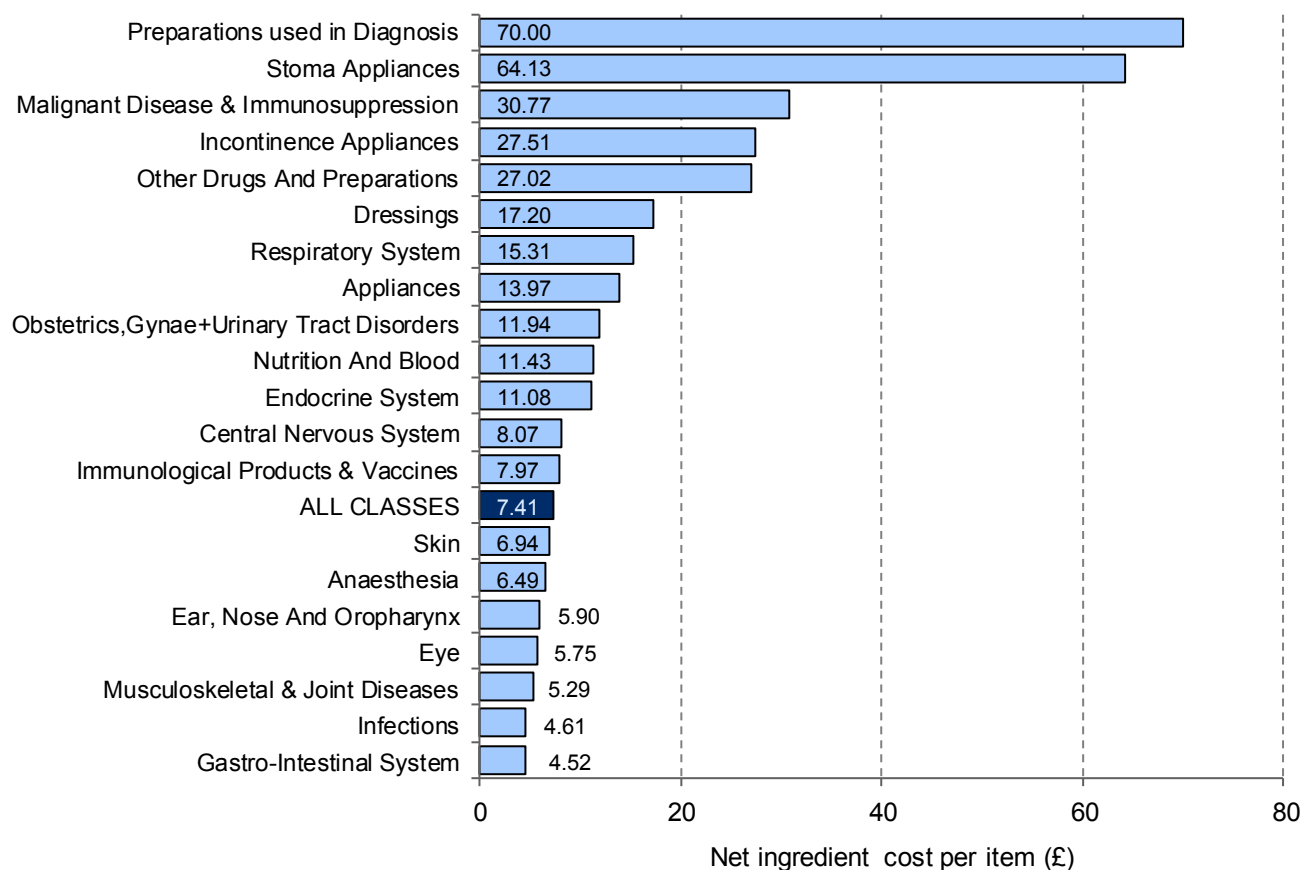
(b) 'Other' includes: skin, infections, musculoskeletal & joint, obstetrics, gynaecology & urinary tract, malignant disease & immunosuppression, ear, nose & oropharynx, eye, immunological products & vaccines, anaesthesia, other drugs & preparations, dressings, appliances, preparations used in diagnosis, incontinence appliances, stoma appliances, and nutrition & blood (in Chart 6) and gastro-intestinal system (in Chart 7).

Chart 8 shows the cost¹ per item, of prescriptions dispensed in Wales during 2014-15, by therapeutic class.

¹ Net ingredient cost – see [notes](#) section at the end of the release.

- ◆ The net ingredient cost per item ranged from £2.66 in the cardiovascular system class to £70.00 for items in the ‘Preparations used in Diagnosis’ class.
- ◆ For all therapeutic classes together, the net ingredient cost per item was £7.41, 6p lower than the previous year, the eleventh consecutive year in which a decrease has been seen.

Chart 8: Net ingredient cost (£) per item, by therapeutic class 2014-15 (a)



(a) See the notes for a list of [therapeutic](#) classes

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

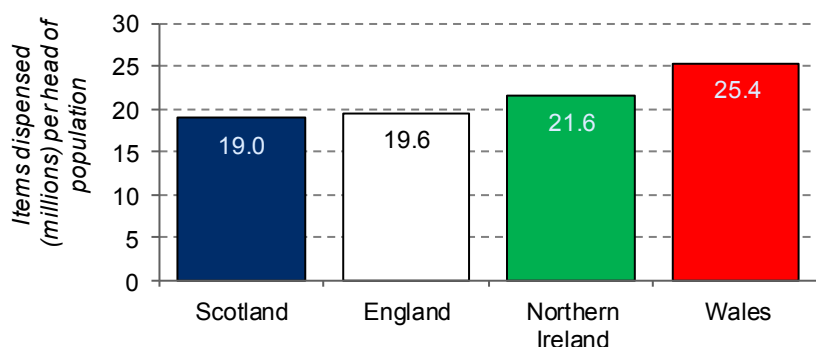


UK Comparisons - 2014 (a)

Charts 9-11 show the number of prescription items dispensed, the costs¹ per head of population and the cost per prescription item, in Wales compared with the other countries of the UK.

¹ Net ingredient cost – see [notes](#) section at the end of the release.

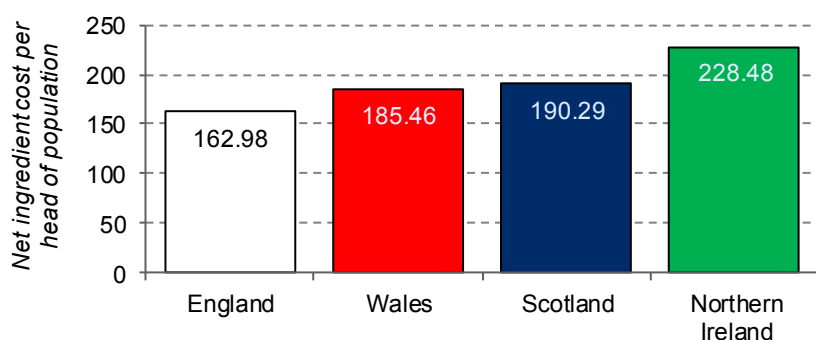
Chart 9: Prescription items dispensed per head of population, UK countries



Source: See note (a)

- ◆ More prescription items per head of population were dispensed in Wales than any of the other UK countries: 25.4 in Wales, compared with 19.0 in Scotland.

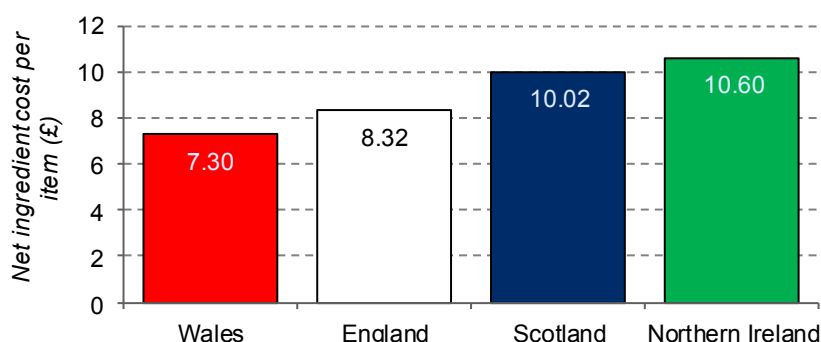
Chart 10: Net ingredient cost per head of population (£), UK countries



Source: See note (a)

- ◆ The net ingredient cost (NIC) per head of population in Wales was higher than in England, but lower than in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Chart 11: Net ingredient cost per prescription item (£), UK countries



Source: See note (a)

- ◆ Wales has the lowest NIC per prescription item, at £7.30 compared with £10.60 in Northern Ireland.

(a) To enable comparisons to be made with the other UK countries the Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA) data is used. The PCA data covers all prescriptions dispensed by community pharmacies, appliance contractors and dispensing doctors in Wales including items personally administered by GPs. The data refers to the financial year 2014-15 for Scotland and the calendar year 2014 for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. These are the latest and most comparable data available. Please see notes on the use of [PCA data](#) in the Notes at the end of the release.

The population data used is the mid-year population estimates for 2014 rather than the population registered with a GP.

Therapeutic Class - 10 year trend

Charts 12-14 show the number of items prescribed, the costs¹ per head of population and the cost per prescription item, by the top ten therapeutic classes, in Wales in 2014-15 compared with 2004-05.

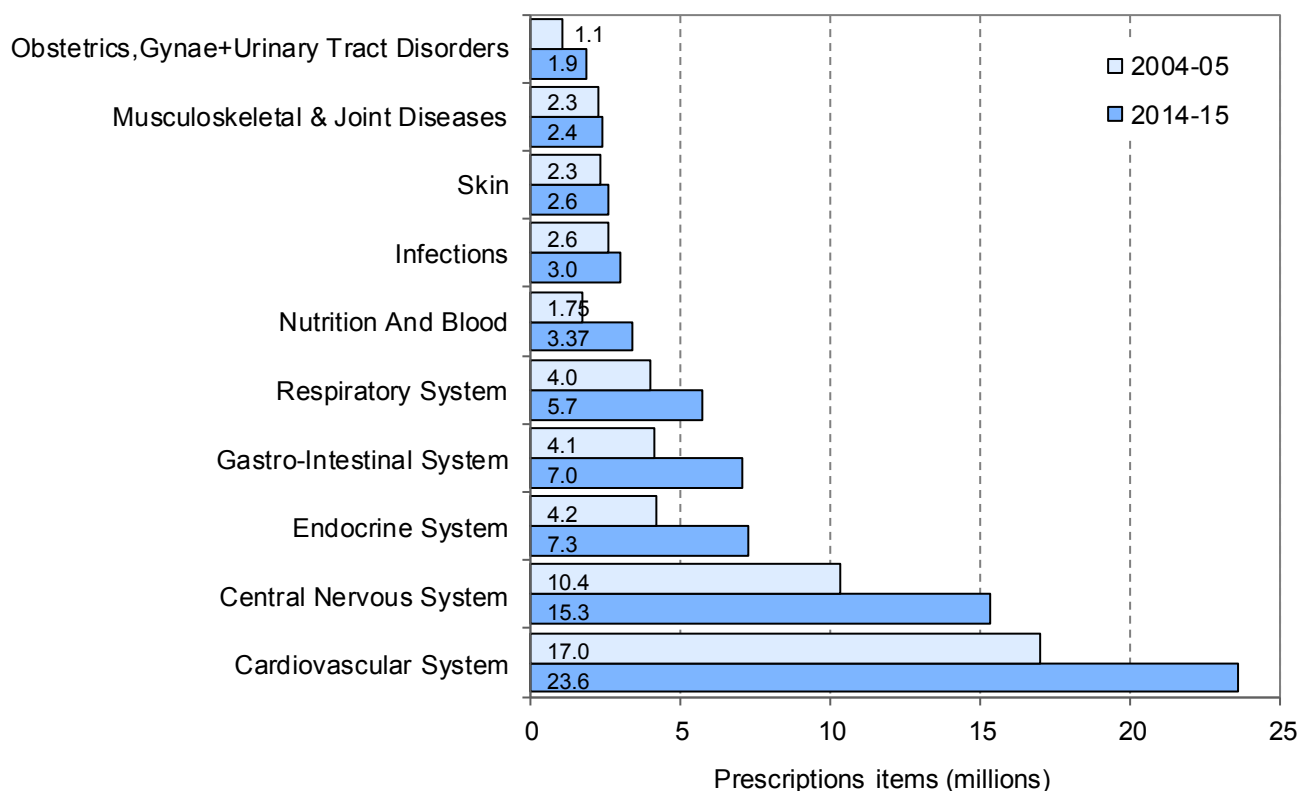
These three charts should be read in conjunction with each other, for while the total net ingredient cost has gone up by £4.5 million (0.8%) compared with 2004-05, 24.6 million more items were prescribed, an increase of more than 45%.

¹ Net ingredient cost – see [notes](#) section at the end of the release.

Items:

- ◆ 23.6 million items were prescribed to treat conditions or diseases of the cardiovascular system in Wales in 2014-15, an increase of 39% from the 17 million items dispensed in 2004-05.
- ◆ Items to treat conditions or diseases of the cardiovascular system accounted for 30% of all items prescribed in 2014-15, down slightly from 31% in 2004-05.
- ◆ 15.3 million items were prescribed to treat conditions or diseases of the central nervous system in Wales in 2014-15, an increase of 48% from the 10.4 million items dispensed in 2004-05.
- ◆ Of the ten largest groups, the biggest increase over the 10 years is in the nutrition and blood class, with almost double the number of items prescribed in 2014-15 (3.4 million) compared with 2004-05 (1.7 million).
- ◆ Large increases in the numbers of items prescribed over the last 10 years are also evident in the obstetrics, gynaecology and urinary tract disorders class (76%), endocrine (74%) and gastro-intestinal system class (71%).
- ◆ Over the last 10 years, the number of items prescribed in all classes has increased by 46%, up from 53.9 million items in 2004-05 to 78.5 million in 2014-15.

Chart 12: Prescription items (millions) by top ten therapeutic classes in 2014-15 compared with 2004-05



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

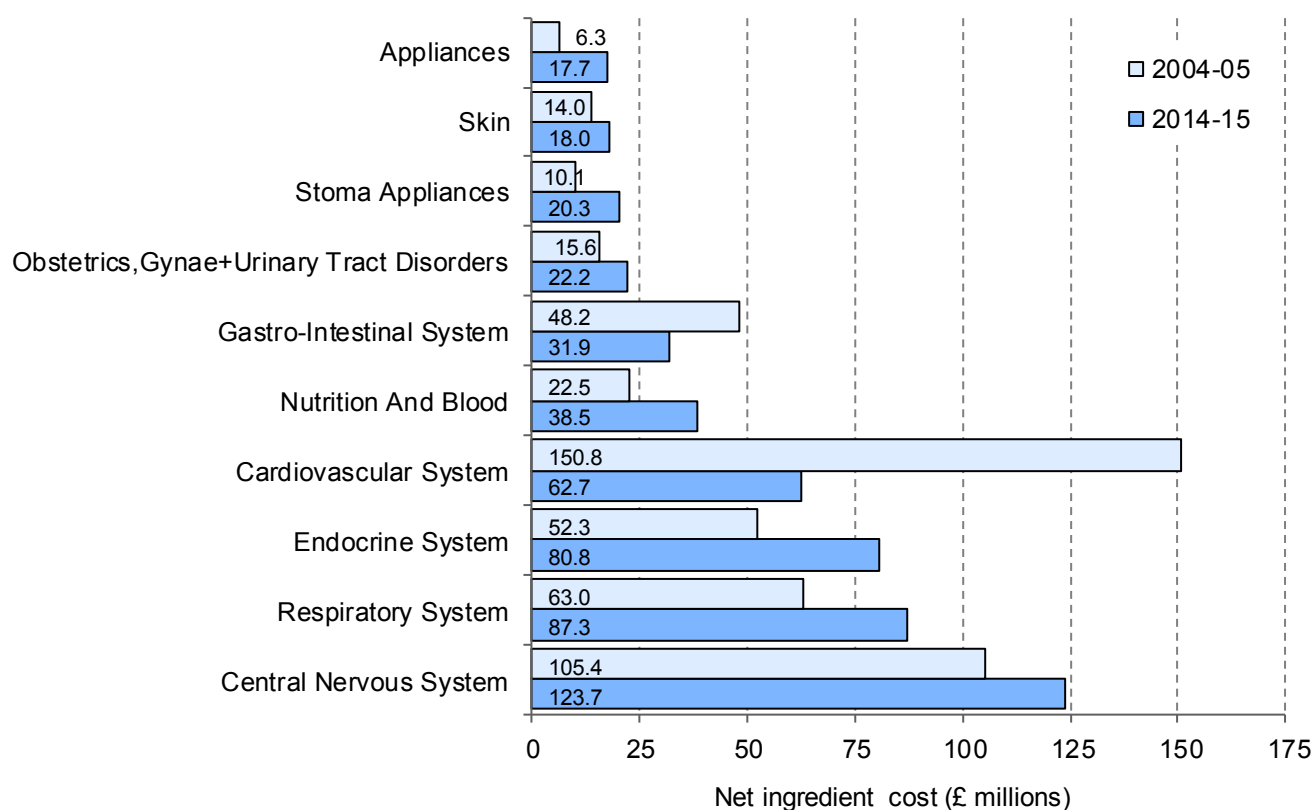
NOTE: See [table 1 \(items prescribed\)](#) and [table 2 \(items prescribed per head of population\)](#) for more detail.

Net ingredient cost (NIC):

- ◆ The total net ingredient cost of items prescribed in the largest class (by cost), the central nervous system, was £123.7 million in 2014-15, an increase of 17% from the £105.4 million in 2004-05.
- ◆ The total net ingredient cost of items prescribed in the second largest class (by cost), the respiratory system, was £87.3 million in 2014-15, up 39% from £63.0 million in 2004-05.
- ◆ The biggest increase in cost over the 10 years is in the appliances class, up 179% in 2014-15 (£17.7 million) compared with 2004-05 (£6.3 million).
- ◆ Large increases in the net ingredient cost over the last 10 years are also evident in the stoma appliances class (100%), and the nutrition and blood class (71%).
- ◆ The total net ingredient cost of items in the cardiovascular system class has fallen by 58% over the last 10 years, from £150.8 million in 2004-05 to £62.7 million in 2014-15¹.
- ◆ The total net ingredient cost of items in the gastro-intestinal system class has fallen by 34% over the last 10 years, from £48.2 million to £31.9 million.
- ◆ Over the last 10 years, the total net ingredient cost for all classes has increased by 0.8%, up from nearly £577 million in 2004-05 to more than £581 million in 2014-15.
- ◆ A major change in the last 10 years has been the fact that cardiovascular was the largest class by cost 10 years ago, but since 2007-08 central nervous system has taken over as the largest group by cost.

The NICs of a number of medicines in the cardiovascular class have decreased considerably in recent years. The decrease is related to changes in the price the NHS pays for a medicine when the relevant originator brand loses its patent protection and equivalent generic products, which generally have a lower acquisition cost, become available.

Chart 13: Net ingredient cost (£ millions) by top ten therapeutic classes in 2014-15 compared with 2004-05.



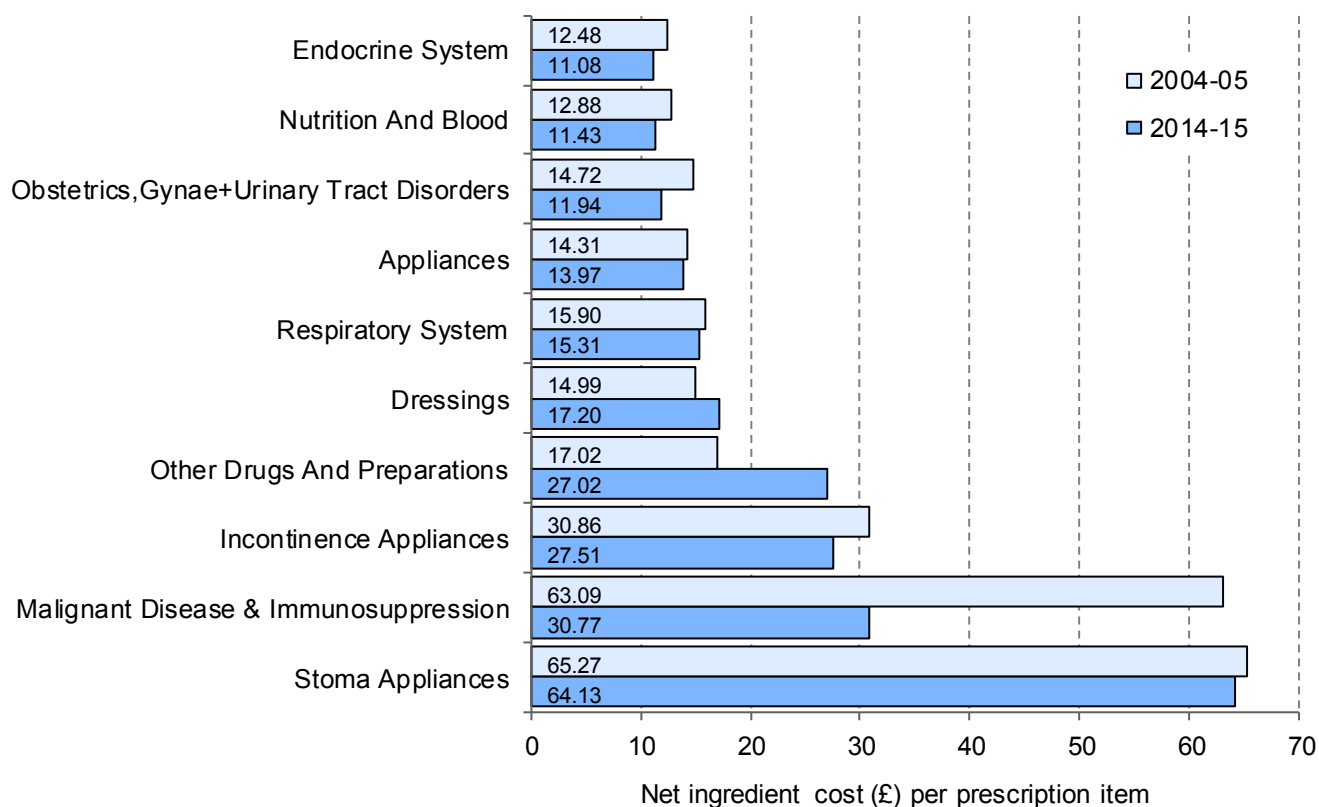
Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NOTE: See [table 3 \(cost of items prescribed\)](#) and [table 4 \(cost per head of items prescribed\)](#) for more detail.

Net ingredient cost (NIC) per prescription item:

- ◆ In 2014-15 the most expensive therapeutic class, in terms of cost per item, was stoma appliances, at £64.13 per prescription item, down from £65.27 in 2004-05.
- ◆ Many of the classes show a reduction in cost per item from 2004-05 to 2014-15, although dressings have gone up 15% from £14.99 to £17.20, and other drugs and preparations from £17.02 to £27.02 (59%).

◆ Chart 14: Net ingredient cost (£) per prescription item by top ten therapeutic classes in 2014-15 compared with 2004-05



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

NOTES: 'Preparations used in diagnosis' have been excluded from this analysis as in most years very few or no items were prescribed'. See [table 5 \(cost per item prescribed\)](#) for more detail.



Chart 15 shows the annual percentage change, over the last 10 years, of the total number of prescription items prescribed and the total net ingredient cost.

- ◆ At the start of the 2000s the net ingredient cost was increasingly rapidly year on year but since 2004-05 the annual percentage change has fluctuated around zero. It fell by 5.1% in 2012-13, but rose by 2.1% in 2014-15.
- ◆ The annual percentage increase in the number of items has fallen slightly over the 2000s from around 6% a year to just under 3% from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Chart 15: Items and net ingredient cost, annual percentage change, 2004-05 to 2014-15

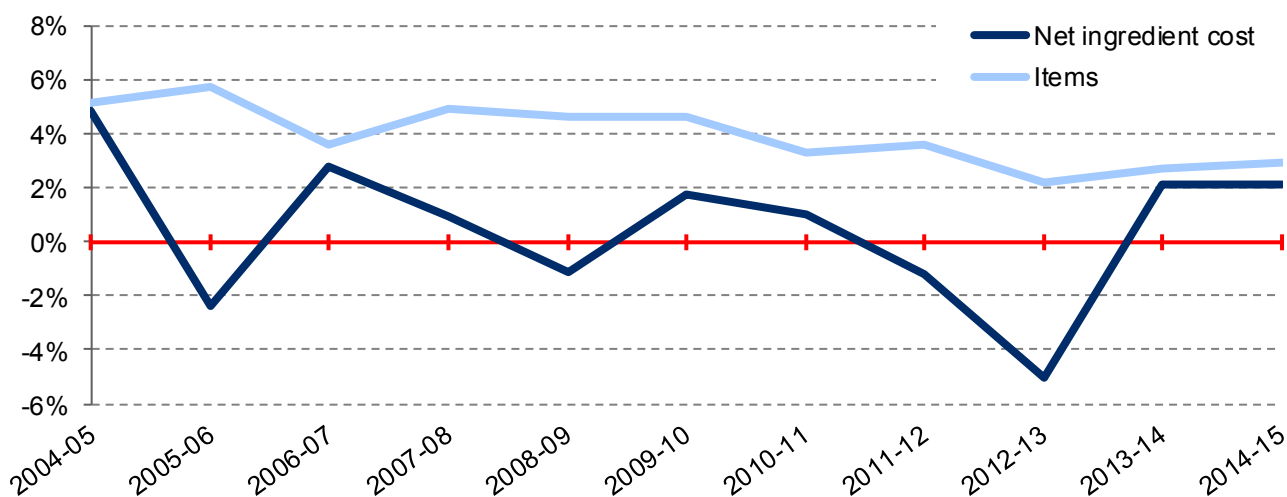
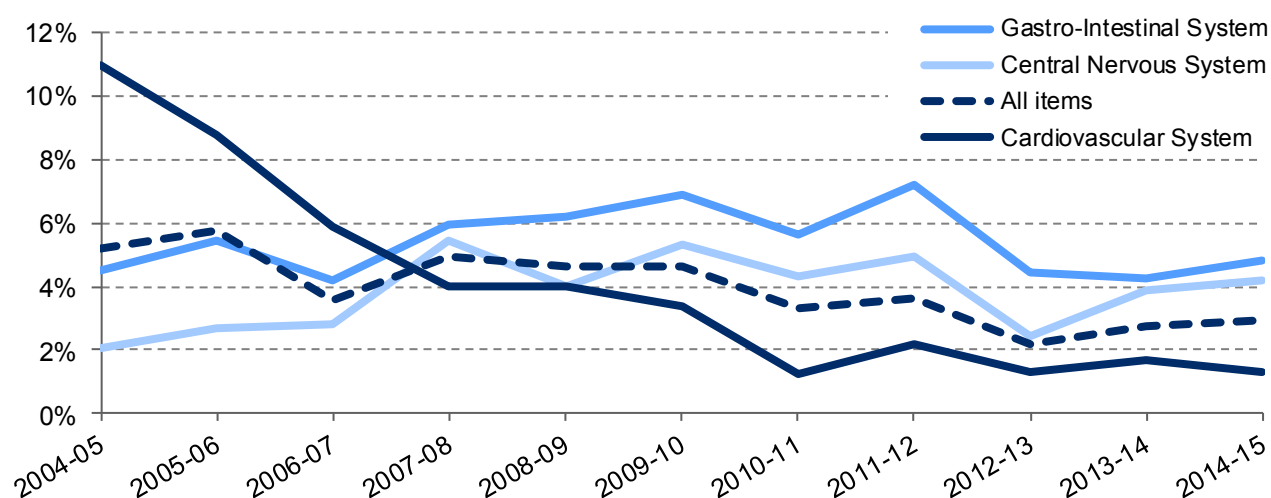


Chart 16 shows the annual percentage change, over the last 10 years, of the number of items prescribed in three of the largest classes, cardiovascular system, central nervous system, and gastro-intestinal system, plus all items.

- ◆ The large annual increases in cardiovascular drugs seen in the early 2000s were not seen later in the decade; in recent years, increases were only 2% or less each year.
- ◆ Annual percentage increases in the gastro-intestinal system class varied between 4.2% and 7.2% and in the central nervous system class between 2.1% and 5.4%

Chart 16: Annual percentage change, 2004-05 to 2014-15, of the number of items dispensed in the gastro-intestinal, cardiovascular and central nervous system classes



Analysis by Local Health Board

The following charts show the numbers of items prescribed by GPs contracted to Welsh Health Boards together with the associated NIC. Rather than comparing items per **head** of population registered with a GP, the charts show items and NIC per **Prescribing Unit**. Prescribing units (PUs) are calculated by giving a greater weight (by a factor of three) to the registered population aged 65 or over. They have been adopted here to take account of the greater need of elderly patients for medication and so to make more meaningful comparisons between Health Boards.

Chart 17 shows the number of items prescribed per prescribing unit – see above - by Local Health Board, in 2014-15.

- ◆ The number of items prescribed per prescribing unit ranged from 15.3 in Cardiff & Vale to 20.1 in Cwm Taf.

Chart 17: Number of prescription items per prescribing unit, by Local Health Board, 2014-15

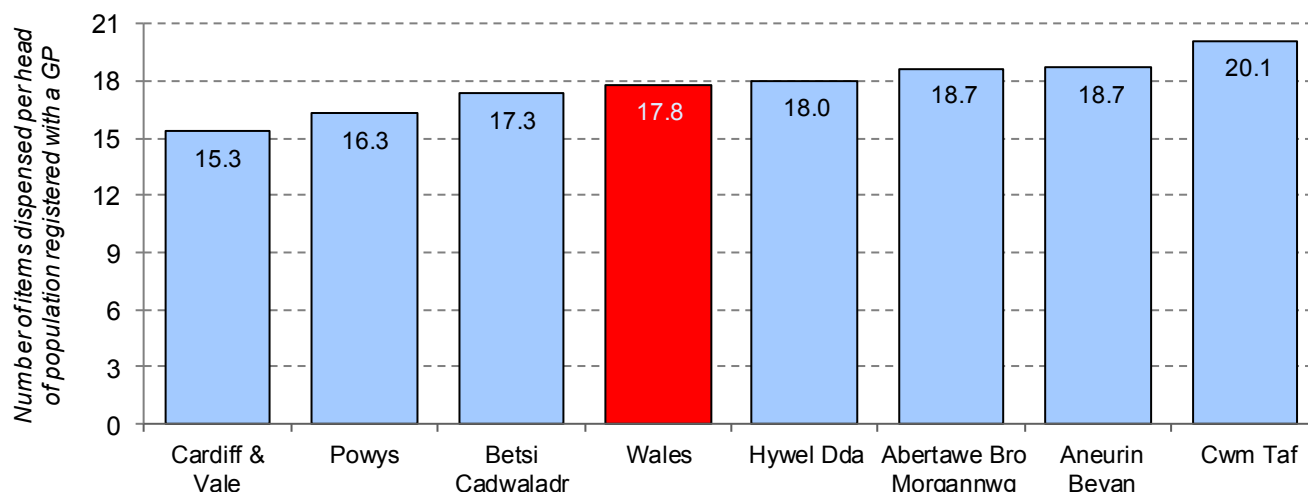
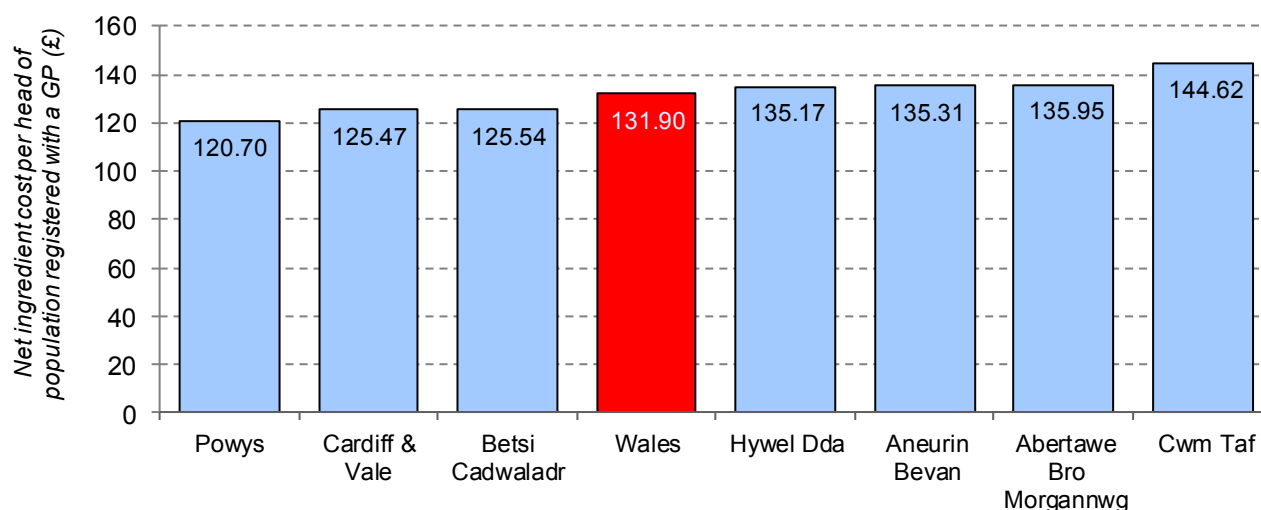


Chart 18 shows the net ingredient cost - see note (a) - of items prescribed by GPs in Wales, per prescribing unit, by LHB, in 2014-15.

- ◆ The net ingredient cost per prescribing unit ranged from £120.70 in Powys to £144.62 in Cwm Taf.

Chart 18: Net ingredient cost (£)(a) per prescribing unit, by Local Health Board, 2014-15



NOTE:

(a) Refers to the cost (which the dispenser is reimbursed) of the drug before discounts and does not include any dispensing costs or fees. It does not include any adjustment where the patient has purchased a pre-payment certificate (before 2007).

Key Quality information

Quality report:

We publish a detailed [quality report](#) on 'Prescriptions by GPs in Wales' statistics. The quality report includes information on definitions and coverage, and details of our users.

Source:

The data are obtained from Prescribing Services, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership and are based on information obtained from prescriptions sent to Prescribing Services for payment.

Further data is available on the Prescribing Services website:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=428&pid=51407>

From April 2013, prescribing data by individual GP practices is available here:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=428&pid=65866>

Coverage:

This release covers prescription items prescribed (and dispensed) or dispensed by GPs in Wales. Excluded from this release are prescriptions which were prescribed but, for a variety of reasons, have not been dispensed. It also covers prescriptions submitted by prescribing doctors for items personally administered. Detailed data on all items dispensed in the community in Wales (including items not prescribed by GPs) are published in a separate Statistical Release.

The statistics are based on the data provided by Prescribing Services following their payment processing. Prescribing Services, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership have stated that due to the complex and manual processes involved there may be inaccuracies in capturing prescription information which are then reflected in the data. Internal quality assurance processes exist and currently the prescription processing activity is internally audited at around 99% accuracy (i.e. at least 99% of prescriptions are processed accurately).

Definitions:

Items dispensed:

A prescription item refers to a single item prescribed by a doctor (or dentist) on a prescription form. If a prescription form includes three items it is counted as three prescription items. A prescription item may be for a variable quantity eg 14, 28 or 56 tablets. A prescription item consists of a quantity of tablets or other preparation. This means that the cost per item does not equate to the cost, for example, per tablet or per pack of tablets but to the average number of packs prescribed per item.

Cost: Net Ingredient Cost (NIC):

NIC refers to the cost of the drug before discounts and does not include any dispensing costs or fees. It does not include any adjustment where the patient has purchased a pre-payment certificate.

Figures quoted for net ingredient cost for all years are unadjusted for inflation. Standard adjustments for inflation are not considered appropriate as drug prices are subject to controls under the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme and to other central controls.

Generic Prescribing:

A prescription item prescribed generically refers to a prescription which has been written using the British Approved Name (BAN), International Non-proprietary Name (INN) or the scientific name of the active ingredient rather than the proprietary name.

Registered population:

This is the number of people registered with a GP in Wales. In 2009 this was at 1 October, otherwise this is at 30 September. The source is the annual GP Census.

Use of population estimates:

In these statistics ONS' mid year estimates of population are used to calculate rates and percentages. Where these are used for financial year data the mid year estimate relating to the first part of the financial year is used, for example, relating to 2006-07 the mid year estimate for mid 2006 is used.

Revisions to population estimates:

Revised mid-year population estimates for Wales for 2003-2011 were used in release SDR132/13 issued on 14 August 2013.

Prescribing units (PUs):

PUs are calculated by giving a greater weight (by a factor of three) to the population aged 65 or over (used as the denominator). They have been adopted here to take account of the greater need of elderly patients for medication and so to make more meaningful comparisons between Health Boards. As an example for 2014-15:

Total prescription items: 78,512,726

Total population age 0-64, 2014 population registered with a GP: 2,555,500

Total population aged 65 or over: 617,494

PUs: 4,407,982 (2,555,500+(3 * 617,494))

Items per PU: 17.81

BNF:

The British National Formulary (BNF) is a joint publication of the British Medical Association and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. It is published biannually under the authority of a Joint Formulary Committee which comprises representatives of the two professional bodies and of the UK Health Departments.

Therapeutic classification:

PCA data are based on the therapeutic grouping used in the British National Formulary. The classification in this report is based on the September 2013 BNF.

NHS Prescription Services have created pseudo-BNF chapters, for items that cannot be found in BNF chapters 1 to 15. The majority of these items are dressings and appliances, which NHS Prescription Services have classified into four pseudo-BNF chapters (20 to 23). However some gel and colloid dressings that are classified as drugs are included in a pseudo section within BNF 13 (13.13). NHS Prescription Services have produced a booklet on BNF classifications and the pseudo classifications used: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/949.aspx>

Examples of the conditions covered by each group (unless group is self-explanatory) are given below:

- ◆ **Gastro-intestinal system:** including preparations for the management of indigestion, diarrhoea, constipation, haemorrhoids, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease
- ◆ **Cardiovascular system:** including preparations for the management of arrhythmia (irregular heart rhythm), hypertension (high blood pressure), heart failure and high cholesterol
- ◆ **Respiratory system:** including preparations for the management of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis, allergies, cough and congestion
- ◆ **Central nervous system:** including preparations for the management of anxiety, sleeplessness, depression, pain, epilepsy, substance misuse, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease
- ◆ **Infections:** including preparations for the treatment of infection
- ◆ **Endocrine system:** including preparations for the management of diabetes, an under or over active thyroid gland and other hormonal conditions
- ◆ **Obstetrics, gynaecology and urinary tract disorders:** including contraceptives and preparations used in obstetrics

- ◆ **Malignant disease and immunosuppression:** including preparations for the treatment and management of cancer and conditions affecting the immune system
- ◆ **Nutrition and blood:** vitamins, minerals and prescribed foods
- ◆ **Musculoskeletal and joint disorders:** including preparations for the management of rheumatoid arthritis and gout, myasthenia gravis, spasticity and topical treatments for pain
- ◆ **Eye:** including preparations for the treatment and management of eye infections and glaucoma
- ◆ **Ear, nose and oropharynx:** including preparations for the treatment and management of conditions affecting the ear, nose and throat
- ◆ **Skin:** including preparations for the treatment and management of eczema, psoriasis, acne, warts and verrucae
- ◆ **Immunological products and vaccines:** including preparations for the treatment of anaemia, vitamin preparations and supplements
- ◆ **Anaesthesia**
- ◆ **Preparations used in diagnosis**
- ◆ **Other drugs and preparations**
- ◆ **Dressings**
- ◆ **Appliances**
- ◆ **Incontinence supplies**
- ◆ **Stoma appliances**

A full list of the therapeutic classes (BNF chapters) and their sub groups are shown in the following table.

Therapeutic Class:

Gastro-intestinal System

- Antacids
- Antispasmodic and other drugs altering gut motility
- Ulcer healing drugs
- Antidiarrhoeal drugs
- Treatment of chronic diarrhoeas
- Laxatives
- Preparations for haemorrhoids
- Stoma care
- Drugs affecting intestinal secretions

Cardiovascular System

- Positive inotropic drugs
- Diuretics
- Anti-arrhythmic drugs
- Beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs
- Antihypertensive therapy
- Nitrates and other vasodilators, and calcium channel blockers
- Sympathomimetics
- Anticoagulants and protamine
- Antiplatelet drugs
- Antifibrinolytic drugs and haemostatics
- Lipid-lowering drugs
- Local sclerosants

Respiratory System

- Bronchodilators
- Corticosteroids
- Cromoglycate and related therapy
- Allergic disorders
- Oxygen
- Mucolytics
- Aromatic inhalations
- Cough preparations
- Systemic nasal decongestants

Central Nervous System

- Hypnotics and anxiolytics
- drugs used in psychoses and related disorders

Malignant Disease and Immunosuppression

- Cytotoxic drugs
- Drugs affecting the immune response
- Sex hormones and hormone antagonists in malignant disease

Nutrition and Blood

- Anaemias and other blood disorders
- Fluids and electrolytes
- Oral nutrition
- Minerals
- Vitamins
- Bitters and tonics
- Metabolic disorders
- Foods
- Compound vitamin / mineral formulations
- Health supplements
- Other health supplements

Musculoskeletal and Joint Disorders

- Drugs used in rheumatic diseases and gout
- Drugs used in neuromuscular disorders
- Drugs used for relief of soft tissue inflammation

Eye

- Anti-infective eye preparations
- Corticosteroids and other anti-inflammatory preparations
- Mydriatics and cycloplegics
- Treatment of glaucoma
- Local anaesthetics
- Miscellaneous ophthalmic preparations
- Contact lenses

Ear, Nose and Oropharynx

- Drugs acting on the ear
- Drugs acting on the nose
- Drugs acting on the oropharynx

Skin

- Vehicles and emulsifying agents
- Emollient and barrier preparations
- Local anaesthetics and antipruritics
- Topical corticosteroids

Antidepressant drugs
Central nervous system stimulants
Appetite suppressants
Drugs used in nausea and vertigo
Analgesics
Antiepileptics
Drugs used in parkinsonism and related disorders
Drugs used in substance dependence
Drugs used in Alzheimer's disease

Preparations for eczema and psoriasis
Preparations for acne
Preparations for warts and calluses
Sunscreens and camouflagers
Shampoos and some other scalp preparations
Anti-infective skin preparations
Disinfectants and cleansers
Antiperspirants
Wound management products

Infections

Antibacterial drugs
Antifungal drugs
Antiviral drugs
Antiprotozoal drugs
Anthelmintics

Endocrine System

Drugs used in diabetes
Thyroid and antithyroid drugs
Corticosteroids
Sex hormones
Hypothalamic and pituitary hormones and antioestrogens
Other endocrine drugs

Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Urinary Tract Disorders

Drugs used in obstetrics
Treatment of vaginal and vulval conditions
Contraceptives
Drugs used for genito-urinary disorders

Topical circulatory preparations

Miscellaneous topical preparations

Immunological Products and Vaccines

Vaccines and antisera
Immunoglobulins

Anaesthesia

General anaesthesia
Local anaesthesia

Preparations used in Diagnosis

X-ray contrast media

Other Drugs and Preparations

Dressings

Appliances

Incontinence Supplies

Stoma Appliances

NOTE: some preparations have multiple indications and may therefore be classified under more than one therapeutic class.

Our statistics take into account our disclosure control guidance and follow ONS confidentiality guidelines for Health statistics available from [ONS best-practice guidelines](#)

Notes:

Pharmacy and Appliance Contractor Dispensing Data

Data on Pharmacy and Appliance Contractor Dispensing Data in Wales is available from NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, Primary Care Services at:

<http://www.primarycareservices.wales.nhs.uk/dispensing-information>

Data for other UK countries:

For the purposes of comparing UK countries, the Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA) data is used. The PCA data covers all prescriptions dispensed by community pharmacies, appliance contractors and dispensing doctors in Wales including items personally administered by GPs. Wales PCA data together with a description of all the prescribing and pharmacy statistics published by the Welsh Government and notes on how to interpret this data including worked examples of extracting the PCA data are available [here](#).

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/prescriptions-dispensed-community/?lang=en>

Data for other UK countries can be accessed via the following webpages:

England:

Prescriptions dispensed in the community:

Web page: [Prescriptions Dispensed in the Community, Statistics for England, 2004-2014](#)

Report: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB17644/pres-disp-com-eng-2004-14-rep.pdf>

Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA):

Web page: [Prescription Cost Analysis - England, 2014](#)

Report: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB17274/pres-cost-anal-eng-2014-rep.pdf>

Scotland:

Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA):

Web page: [Prescription Cost Analysis - Scotland, 2014-15](#)

Report: <https://isdscotland.scot.nhs.uk/Health-Topics/Prescribing-and-Medicines/Publications/2015-06-30/2015-06-30-Prescribing-PrescriptionCostAnalysis-Report.pdf>

Northern Ireland:

Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA):

Web page: [Prescription Cost Analysis - Northern Ireland, 2014](#)

Data: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2523.htm>

Note that varying prescribing practice may affect the interpretation of UK country comparisons.

The figures supplied in this release cover items dispensed in Wales. PCA figures for other UK countries are published by the responsible body in each country.

Below are summary details for England, Northern Ireland and Scotland PCA publications, taken from the details on their websites which existed at the time of this publication. These details represent our interpretation of what is available and should be taken as a guide only. Queries should be addressed to the responsible organisation - links to their websites are included above.

PCA in England published by NHS Information Centre.

PCA in England is published by calendar year. The Information Centre (IC) publishes the data together with a statistical bulletin which provides analysis and comment on patterns and trends; both are available from the IC website.

Coverage is similar to PCA in Wales in terms of type of dispensers and prescribers included and that all prescriptions included are those dispensed in England only.

The data fields published are:

- ◆ cost in NIC (equivalent to NIC in Wales);
- ◆ items; and
- ◆ quantity together with standard quantity unit and preparation class.

All individual preparations are listed in the Excel version of the PCA data- no suppression of preparations which are rarely dispensed.

Figures are published at the following levels of aggregation:

- ◆ Overall total;
- ◆ BNF Chapter;
- ◆ BNF Section;
- ◆ BNF Paragraph;
- ◆ BNF Sub - paragraph;
- ◆ chemical; and
- ◆ individual preparations.

PCA in Northern Ireland (NI) published by Business Services Organisation

PCA in Northern Ireland is published by calendar year.

Coverage is assumed to be similar to PCA in England and Wales in terms of type of dispensers and prescribers included and that all prescriptions included are those dispensed in NI only.

Fields are:

- ◆ ingredient cost before discount;
- ◆ items; and
- ◆ quantity.

All individual preparations are listed - no suppression of preparations which are rarely dispensed.

Figures are published at the following levels of aggregation:

- ◆ BNF Chapter;
- ◆ BNF Section; and
- ◆ individual preparations

PCA in Scotland published by ISD Scotland

PCA in Scotland is published by financial year.

Coverage is similar to PCA in England and Wales in terms of type of dispensers and prescribers included and that all prescriptions included are those dispensed in Scotland only.

Fields are:

- ◆ Paid gross ingredient cost (equivalent to NIC, in Wales);
- ◆ items; and
- ◆ quantity

Only individual preparations where more than 10 items were dispensed are listed.

Figures are published at the following levels of aggregation:

- ◆ BNF Chapter;
- ◆ BNF Section;
- ◆ BNF Sub – section;
- ◆ chemical; and
- ◆ individual preparations

National Statistics:

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- ◆ meet identified user needs;
- ◆ are well explained and readily accessible;
- ◆ are produced according to sound methods, and
- ◆ are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

Users and uses of these statistics:

We believe the key users of prescription statistics are:

- ◆ Ministers and the Members Research Service in the National Assembly for Wales;
- ◆ policy makers of the Welsh Government;
- ◆ other government departments;
- ◆ National Health Service and Public Health Wales;
- ◆ students, academics and universities;
- ◆ General Medical Council and other professional organisations; and
- ◆ individual citizens and private companies.

The statistics are used in a variety of ways. Some examples of the uses include:

- ◆ advice to Ministers; and
- ◆ to inform debate in the National Assembly for Wales and beyond.

Comments:

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Table 1: Items prescribed (and dispensed) by GPs in Wales

Description	<i>Thousands</i>										
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	53,928	57,035	59,079	62,011	64,878	67,875	70,107	72,657	74,239	76,271	78,513
Gastro-Intestinal System	4,126	4,352	4,534	4,802	5,100	5,452	5,759	6,175	6,448	6,724	7,049
Cardiovascular System	16,969	18,460	19,542	20,321	21,140	21,858	22,123	22,605	22,896	23,284	23,592
Respiratory System	3,963	4,089	4,100	4,334	4,569	4,774	4,954	5,144	5,286	5,443	5,702
Central Nervous System	10,354	10,632	10,929	11,522	11,986	12,626	13,173	13,822	14,162	14,714	15,333
Infections	2,617	2,671	2,697	2,779	2,867	2,902	3,053	3,096	3,171	3,033	3,026
Endocrine System	4,191	4,556	4,870	5,140	5,452	5,847	6,187	6,523	6,777	7,021	7,291
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	1,060	1,124	1,175	1,244	1,317	1,402	1,489	1,582	1,650	1,756	1,861
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	298	312	325	343	323	334	341	347	400	424	426
Nutrition And Blood	1,748	1,942	2,137	2,339	2,529	2,775	2,840	2,953	3,062	3,227	3,366
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	2,289	2,185	2,127	2,194	2,277	2,325	2,383	2,435	2,350	2,374	2,423
Eye	1,112	1,162	1,198	1,271	1,339	1,395	1,432	1,473	1,468	1,516	1,536
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	609	644	656	718	761	798	826	858	876	915	956
Skin	2,322	2,324	2,240	2,364	2,474	2,551	2,598	2,635	2,626	2,677	2,591
Immunological Products & Vaccines	724	919	764	754	742	780	796	780	793	783	795
Anaesthesia	54	58	59	62	66	67	71	74	75	77	80
Preparations used in Diagnosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Drugs And Preparations	59	75	95	112	130	110	72	57	55	58	63
Dressings	766	765	751	776	796	792	801	782	737	739	735
Appliances	443	523	610	654	704	762	854	941	1,023	1,103	1,269
Incontinence Appliances	70	75	81	84	88	93	98	103	106	106	106
Stoma Appliances	155	169	187	199	216	234	255	271	279	297	316

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Table 2: Items prescribed (and dispensed) by GPs in Wales, per head of population registered with a GP

Description	<i>per head of population registered with a GP</i>										
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	17.74	18.69	19.10	20.04	20.83	21.65	22.24	22.97	23.40	24.00	24.74
Gastro-Intestinal System	1.36	1.43	1.47	1.55	1.64	1.74	1.83	1.95	2.03	2.12	2.22
Cardiovascular System	5.58	6.05	6.32	6.57	6.79	6.97	7.02	7.15	7.22	7.33	7.44
Respiratory System	1.30	1.34	1.33	1.40	1.47	1.52	1.57	1.63	1.67	1.71	1.80
Central Nervous System	3.41	3.48	3.53	3.72	3.85	4.03	4.18	4.37	4.46	4.63	4.83
Infections	0.86	0.88	0.87	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.97	0.98	1.00	0.95	0.95
Endocrine System	1.38	1.49	1.57	1.66	1.75	1.87	1.96	2.06	2.14	2.21	2.30
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	0.35	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.42	0.45	0.47	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.59
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.13
Nutrition And Blood	0.57	0.64	0.69	0.76	0.81	0.89	0.90	0.93	0.96	1.02	1.06
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	0.75	0.72	0.69	0.71	0.73	0.74	0.76	0.77	0.74	0.75	0.76
Eye	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.41	0.43	0.45	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.48	0.48
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.30
Skin	0.76	0.76	0.72	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.82
Immunological Products & Vaccines	0.24	0.30	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Anaesthesia	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
Preparations used in Diagnosis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Drugs And Preparations	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Dressings	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.23
Appliances	0.15	0.17	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.32	0.35	0.40
Incontinence Appliances	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Stoma Appliances	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Table 3: Cost (net ingredient cost) of items prescribed (and dispensed) by GPs in Wales

	<i>£ millions</i>										
Description	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	576.88	563.20	578.82	584.41	577.77	588.19	594.33	587.23	557.51	569.44	581.42
Gastro-Intestinal System	48.18	47.63	37.51	33.06	30.75	29.95	29.42	27.96	28.03	29.93	31.89
Cardiovascular System	150.80	126.33	130.73	122.04	112.29	111.20	99.70	90.90	67.25	62.78	62.70
Respiratory System	63.01	65.55	67.95	73.68	77.96	79.60	81.57	84.17	86.56	85.80	87.27
Central Nervous System	105.42	107.59	114.83	122.07	118.75	120.00	125.53	124.80	115.96	124.51	123.69
Infections	15.17	14.35	14.19	13.05	11.73	11.44	13.67	13.28	14.22	13.57	13.94
Endocrine System	52.30	56.59	59.10	59.09	58.34	61.54	67.19	69.24	70.12	74.53	80.81
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	15.60	16.62	16.41	17.70	19.01	20.16	21.85	23.63	24.78	23.94	22.21
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	18.80	17.64	19.59	21.54	22.70	21.93	22.19	18.86	14.74	14.10	13.10
Nutrition And Blood	22.51	25.09	28.37	29.76	31.11	35.09	33.82	33.78	34.58	36.61	38.46
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	21.50	15.99	15.58	14.17	12.66	12.44	12.70	12.44	12.66	12.30	12.81
Eye	7.83	8.35	9.04	9.56	10.14	10.53	10.95	11.01	9.52	8.76	8.83
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	3.90	4.02	4.55	4.98	5.31	5.50	5.50	5.49	5.46	5.59	5.64
Skin	14.04	14.04	14.55	15.77	16.22	16.27	16.59	16.91	17.75	18.40	17.97
Immunological Products & Vaccines	6.26	7.93	6.94	6.84	6.82	6.92	6.77	6.38	6.29	6.29	6.33
Anaesthesia	0.44	0.52	0.64	0.44	0.36	0.37	0.42	0.44	0.49	0.51	0.52
Preparations used in Diagnosis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Drugs And Preparations	1.00	1.73	3.20	3.03	3.12	2.81	2.22	1.89	1.44	1.49	1.70
Dressings	11.48	12.40	12.53	13.08	14.28	14.18	13.82	13.06	12.22	12.41	12.64
Appliances	6.34	7.52	8.47	9.23	10.04	11.04	12.20	13.60	15.01	16.29	17.73
Incontinence Appliances	2.17	2.33	2.46	2.49	2.54	2.67	2.69	2.81	2.91	2.91	2.92
Stoma Appliances	10.11	10.97	12.18	12.83	13.65	14.55	15.54	16.58	17.51	18.72	20.25

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Table 4: Cost (net ingredient cost) per head of items prescribed (and dispensed) by GPs in Wales

£ per head of population registered with a GP

Description	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	189.73	184.55	187.14	188.90	185.50	187.64	188.50	185.64	175.70	179.17	183.24
Gastro-Intestinal System	15.85	15.61	12.13	10.69	9.87	9.55	9.33	8.84	8.83	9.42	10.05
Cardiovascular System	49.60	41.40	42.27	39.45	36.05	35.47	31.62	28.74	21.19	19.75	19.76
Respiratory System	20.72	21.48	21.97	23.81	25.03	25.39	25.87	26.61	27.28	27.00	27.50
Central Nervous System	34.67	35.26	37.13	39.46	38.13	38.28	39.81	39.45	36.54	39.18	38.98
Infections	4.99	4.70	4.59	4.22	3.77	3.65	4.34	4.20	4.48	4.27	4.39
Endocrine System	17.20	18.54	19.11	19.10	18.73	19.63	21.31	21.89	22.10	23.45	25.47
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	5.13	5.45	5.31	5.72	6.10	6.43	6.93	7.47	7.81	7.53	7.00
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	6.18	5.78	6.33	6.96	7.29	7.00	7.04	5.96	4.65	4.44	4.13
Nutrition And Blood	7.40	8.22	9.17	9.62	9.99	11.19	10.73	10.68	10.90	11.52	12.12
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	7.07	5.24	5.04	4.58	4.07	3.97	4.03	3.93	3.99	3.87	4.04
Eye	2.58	2.74	2.92	3.09	3.26	3.36	3.47	3.48	3.00	2.76	2.78
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	1.28	1.32	1.47	1.61	1.71	1.75	1.74	1.73	1.72	1.76	1.78
Skin	4.62	4.60	4.70	5.10	5.21	5.19	5.26	5.34	5.60	5.79	5.66
Immunological Products & Vaccines	2.06	2.60	2.25	2.21	2.19	2.21	2.15	2.02	1.98	1.98	2.00
Anaesthesia	0.14	0.17	0.21	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.16
Preparations used in Diagnosis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Drugs And Preparations	0.33	0.57	1.03	0.98	1.00	0.90	0.70	0.60	0.45	0.47	0.53
Dressings	3.77	4.06	4.05	4.23	4.59	4.52	4.38	4.13	3.85	3.90	3.98
Appliances	2.09	2.46	2.74	2.98	3.22	3.52	3.87	4.30	4.73	5.13	5.59
Incontinence Appliances	0.71	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.82	0.85	0.85	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.92
Stoma Appliances	3.33	3.59	3.94	4.15	4.38	4.64	4.93	5.24	5.52	5.89	6.38

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Table 5: Cost (net ingredient cost) per prescription item prescribed (and dispensed) by GPs in Wales

	£										
Description	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	10.70	9.87	9.80	9.42	8.91	8.67	8.48	8.08	7.51	7.47	7.41
Gastro-Intestinal System	11.68	10.94	8.27	6.88	6.03	5.49	5.11	4.53	4.35	4.45	4.52
Cardiovascular System	8.89	6.84	6.69	6.01	5.31	5.09	4.51	4.02	2.94	2.70	2.66
Respiratory System	15.90	16.03	16.57	17.00	17.06	16.67	16.46	16.36	16.38	15.76	15.31
Central Nervous System	10.18	10.12	10.51	10.59	9.91	9.50	9.53	9.03	8.19	8.46	8.07
Infections	5.80	5.37	5.26	4.70	4.09	3.94	4.48	4.29	4.48	4.48	4.61
Endocrine System	12.48	12.42	12.14	11.50	10.70	10.53	10.86	10.61	10.35	10.62	11.08
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	14.72	14.79	13.97	14.23	14.44	14.37	14.68	14.94	15.01	13.63	11.94
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	63.09	56.64	60.21	62.73	70.20	65.60	65.12	54.38	36.83	33.28	30.77
Nutrition And Blood	12.88	12.92	13.27	12.72	12.30	12.64	11.91	11.44	11.29	11.35	11.43
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	9.39	7.32	7.32	6.46	5.56	5.35	5.33	5.11	5.39	5.18	5.29
Eye	7.04	7.18	7.54	7.52	7.57	7.55	7.64	7.47	6.49	5.78	5.75
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	6.41	6.24	6.94	6.94	6.98	6.89	6.65	6.40	6.24	6.11	5.90
Skin	6.04	6.04	6.50	6.67	6.56	6.38	6.38	6.42	6.76	6.87	6.94
Immunological Products & Vaccines	8.65	8.64	9.09	9.08	9.18	8.87	8.50	8.18	7.93	8.03	7.97
Anaesthesia	8.07	9.11	10.79	7.10	5.44	5.54	5.83	5.90	6.61	6.64	6.49
Preparations used in Diagnosis	..	..	100.00	..	..	..	440.70	..	..	..	70.00
Other Drugs And Preparations	17.02	23.23	33.56	27.02	23.96	25.57	30.65	32.92	26.40	25.55	27.02
Dressings	14.99	16.21	16.68	16.87	17.95	17.91	17.25	16.70	16.59	16.79	17.20
Appliances	14.31	14.36	13.88	14.12	14.25	14.49	14.29	14.45	14.67	14.77	13.97
Incontinence Appliances	30.86	31.05	30.28	29.76	28.91	28.73	27.36	27.15	27.55	27.53	27.51
Stoma Appliances	65.27	64.78	65.05	64.55	63.21	62.25	61.00	61.14	62.72	63.06	64.13

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Table 6: Prescription items prescribed generically

	%										
Description	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
All items	77.9	79.9	82.5	83.6	84.3	84.1	83.6	83.4	83.4	83.4	83.5
Gastro-Intestinal System	72.9	75.9	78.7	80.5	81.7	82.6	83.3	83.3	83.5	83.3	83.2
Cardiovascular System	90.6	92.1	93.6	94.4	95.0	95.4	95.7	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.7
Respiratory System	65.8	70.0	74.2	74.6	72.5	64.8	55.9	54.8	54.6	54.9	55.0
Central Nervous System	86.1	87.4	88.8	89.8	90.6	90.6	90.0	89.0	88.5	88.4	88.4
Infections	93.5	95.0	96.5	97.3	98.0	98.1	98.6	98.3	98.1	98.1	98.3
Endocrine System	74.2	76.7	79.2	80.5	82.0	82.9	82.7	82.3	83.3	84.1	84.5
Obstetrics, Gynae+Urinary Tract Disorders	38.4	43.0	48.1	51.9	55.1	58.1	60.7	62.7	63.9	65.7	68.2
Malignant Disease & Immunosuppression	78.9	80.2	82.1	83.5	82.9	83.0	82.0	80.6	82.9	84.7	86.4
Nutrition And Blood	54.9	54.2	55.1	56.5	58.2	58.1	58.8	59.4	59.3	57.7	56.3
Musculoskeletal & Joint Diseases	77.2	80.0	83.4	85.5	87.3	88.7	90.1	91.0	91.4	91.0	90.1
Eye	49.7	53.5	57.7	59.8	61.7	62.0	62.6	62.8	62.5	63.1	63.4
Ear, Nose And Oropharynx	42.3	47.3	51.5	54.6	56.6	57.0	53.7	48.3	47.4	45.6	45.1
Skin	30.6	33.5	37.3	39.8	41.8	42.0	41.6	40.4	38.6	37.3	37.9
Immunological Products & Vaccines	33.1	34.3	42.8	38.6	41.4	44.4	44.0	47.3	54.2	58.6	61.6
Anaesthesia	53.9	54.3	57.6	59.1	58.2	56.9	57.1	58.3	61.4	61.8	63.2
Preparations used in Diagnosis							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Drugs And Preparations	54.3	63.5	69.3	71.4	74.2	67.3	48.0	27.4	15.7	13.7	10.6
Dressings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Appliances	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Incontinence Appliances	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Stoma Appliances	57.7	55.2	85.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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