



Royal College of  
General Practitioners



CPRD

## Confidential prescribing and patient safety reports

**Receive practice-level quality improvement feedback reports to improve clinical outcomes for your patients.**

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has joined forces with Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD) to produce confidential reports on prescribing and patient safety.

The bespoke reports are for practices that are contributing data to CPRD's research database of anonymised healthcare records and enable GPs to improve the clinical care of their patients. This confidential report is for practice-use only and not in the public domain.

The report shows the individual practice's prescription rate of contraindicated medication compared with the CPRD UK GP network. It also provides a list of identifier codes for

patients at the practice, so that practice clinicians can re-identify and potentially review their care plans.

CPRD or RCGP staff are not able to identify patients at any time from the CPRD database or in producing these reports.

*"A useful report that I can use to evidence my quality improvement activities for revalidation."*

Dr H, West of  
England



National Institute for  
Health Research

## How the reports can be used

- Review the care of individual patients identified in the reports
- Quality improvement within your practice
- Appraisal and revalidation - as evidence for annual appraisals, under Domain 2 (Safety and Quality) and then as evidence for revalidation.

## Future reports

Safety indicators are taken from the RCGP patient safety toolkit with input from NICE, and during 2017 and 2018 focused on patients with heart failure, CKD and atrial fibrillation and prescribing of psychotropic drugs to adults with a learning disability, autism or both.

GPs can take an active role in suggesting topics for future reports and shaping the development of the project.

## What GPs say about the practice-level feedback

*"Helpful to share with my colleagues."*

Dr S, Scotland

*"A helpful process for audit and patient care."*

Dr J, South West Peninsula

*"Feedback is a major benefit of being involved in CPRD."*

Dr T, Wales

## How to take part

For more information, please contact the RCGP lead for this project, David Mullett (**07752 032826** or **david.mullett@rcgp.org.uk**)

If your practice is not already a member of CPRD, the first step is to submit a joining form on the CPRD website, where you can also view a sample report.

CPRD is a not-for profit, government research service that has been providing anonymised patient data for public health research for 30 years.

To contribute data to CPRD, join at **[cprd.com/generalpractitioner](http://cprd.com/generalpractitioner)**