

## **July 2012 publication of new General Practice Outcome Standards and refreshed data on myhealthlondon and the GP Practice Outcomes Tool**

From Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, five new General Practice Outcome Standards will be published to the public on the [myhealthlondon](http://myhealthlondon.nhs.uk) website.

The new standards are the next step in ensuring a comprehensive overview is given of the whole range of services provided by general practice. As with the existing 22 standards, the new additions have been developed by GPs, commissioners and topic experts.

The new standards cover early detection of cancer (at PCT level for the public), mental health (depression and serious mental illness), end of life registers and a previously unpublished standard on people changing GP practice. Other existing standards, on stroke, smear tests, childhood immunisation, prescribing and emergency activity at hospital will be updated with more recent information.

The presentation to the public on myhealthlondon will follow the same format as before, with summary and detailed pages of results and trends (where available) for each GP practice. As previously, any GP practice registered with myhealthlondon can provide a commentary on their outcome standard results in the 'add practice voice' function, once logged on.

All GP practices were given the opportunity by NHS London<sup>1</sup> to validate the data for the new standards in April 2012. NHS London would like to say thank you to everyone that helped to validate the data. The standards will also be published on London GP Practice Outcomes Tool later in July for professional analysis. If you have not yet registered for this you can do so via [this link](#).

A list of the new standards and updated existing ones can be found in the table below. Two previously proposed standards, related to *Access to general practice* and *Alcohol case finding*, that were to be published in July 2012 have been delayed pending further data development.

If you have any questions or queries about the publication of the General Practice Outcome Standards, registering with the site, or anything else related to on myhealthlondon, please do not hesitate to contact the myhealthlondon helpdesk:

[myhealth@london.nhs.uk](mailto:myhealth@london.nhs.uk) or tel: 020 7004 1550 (open Mon, Wed and Fri)

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<sup>1</sup> See letter to all GP practices from Dr. Howard Freeman, Associate Medical Director of Primary and Community Care, NHS London, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

### 1. Newly published General Practice Outcome Standards from July 2012

Outcome Domain	Standard	Definition
Preventing People from Dying Prematurely	Early detection of Cancer	The percentage of new cancer cases recorded by GP practices as having previously been referred using the two week wait referral pathway.
Preventing people from dying prematurely	Mental Health – depression	2 separate indicators:  Ratio of reported versus expected prevalence for depression  The percentage of patients with a new diagnosis of depression who have had an assessment of severity at the outset of treatment.
Preventing people from dying prematurely	Mental health - serious mental illness	2 separate indicators: Percentage of patients with serious mental illness who do not attend their annual review who are followed up by the GP practice team within 14 days of non-attendance.  The percentage of patients with serious mental illness with a review recorded in the preceding 15 months.
Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	End of life care	The practice has a complete register available of all patients in need of palliative care/support irrespective of age.
Ensuring People Have a Positive Experience of care	Patients leaving this GP practice without changing home address	The percentage of patients who changed GP practice without changing address.

### 2. New indicator added to an existing standard

Outcome Domain	Standard	Definition
Preventing People from Dying Prematurely	Atrial fibrillation	The percentage of patients with atrial fibrillation who are currently treated with anti-coagulation drug therapy or an anti-platelet therapy.

### 3. Existing general practice outcome standards with updated data July 2012

Outcome Domain	Standard	Definition
Preventing People from Dying Prematurely	Cervical Screening	The percentage of women aged from 25 to 64 whose notes record that a cervical smear has been performed in the past five years.
Preventing People from Dying Prematurely	Uptake of immunisations for children	The aggregated percentage of a range of completion rates of immunisations for children by ages 1 and 2.
Enhancing Quality of Life for People with Long Term Conditions	Monitoring safe, rational and cost effective prescribing in	Increase safety of prescribed non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs by reducing use of diclofenac and cox-2 inhibitors

	general practice	
Helping People to Recover from Episodes of Illness or Following Injury	The rate of emergency hospital admission for people with long term conditions usually managed by GPs	Rate of emergency hospital admissions for selected long term conditions as a proportion of total number of patients per GP practice.
Helping People to Recover from Episodes of Illness or Following Injury	Rate of A&E attendances	The rate of A&E attendances per 1000 patients on GP practice register