

QOF 2004/05 annotations

Annotations to published QOF tables - last updated 10 November 2005.

The 2004/05 publication of QOF tables represents the first use of QMAS data for publication or analysis purposes. Inevitably a small number of data issues came to light that did not affect the prime use of QMAS as a system to support practice QOF payments.

Overall a very small number of practice codes on the published tables (fewer than 20 out of 8,576) were affected, but the Health and Social Care Information Centre recognises that all data issues are significant to the practices and PCTs concerned, and has worked with colleagues in those organisations to highlight the issues identified.

Four types of data issue have been identified:

- Where there was an issue around the sequencing of submissions into QMAS, affecting the selection of the latest submissions for presentation in the published tables.
- Where data in QMAS was recorded against an obsolete practice code - ie a code for a practice that was not active at the end of 2004/05. Although the presence of such codes on QMAS would not affect payments functionality, the presence of these records on the published QOF tables would affect any analysis of the published data.
- In Knowsley PCT, an agreement with the QMAS team involved setting QOF scores for some practices to zero within the QMAS system in order for the QOF achievement of those practices to be incorporated into the scores of another practice code to represent a group of practices for QOF payment purposes. Scores were set at zero for practices codes N83036, N83038, N83616, Y00353 and Y00476; achievement is shown against the other practice code (N83028) in the group of practices for payment purposes, but the correct overall average score for this group of practices was 939.4 points (89.5%).
- Where a practice did not participate in the QOF during 2004/05, but was connected to QMAS towards then end of 2004/05 in preparation for participation in the QOF in 2005/06. There is one example of such a practice, where inappropriate figures were extracted and published in respect of 2004/05.

For the practices concerned, the practice level domain summary tables

File: QOF0405_Practices_DomainSummary_Eastern.xls

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire SHA

For practice code E82031 in St Albans and Harpenden PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

For practice code E82657 in Hertsmere PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

Essex SHA

For practice code F81001 in Castle Point and Rochford PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

For practice code F81142 in Castle Point and Rochford PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland SHA

For practice code C82625 in Leicester City West PCT

Practice did not participate in the QOF during 2004/05, but was connected to QMAS towards then end of 2004/05 in preparation for participation in the QOF in 2005/06; inappropriate figures extracted and published in respect of 2004/05.

File: QOF0405_Practices_DomainSummary_London.xls

North East London SHA

For practice code F84732 in Tower Hamlets PCT Inappropriate data entry against obsolete practice code.

North West London SHA

For practice code E85020 in Hammersmith and Fulham PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

File: QOF0405_Practices_DomainSummary_NorthEast.xls

Co. Durham and Tees SHA

For practice code A83059 in Sedgefield PCT Inappropriate data entry against an obsolete practice code.

North and East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire SHA

For practice code B82024 in Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions - corrected scores annotated.

West Yorkshire SHA

For practice code B86627 in South Leeds PCT Inappropriate data entry against an obsolete practice code.

File: QOF0405_Practices_DomainSummary_NorthWest.xls

Cheshire and Merseyside SHA

For five practices in Knowsley PCT the QOF points achieved were locally set to zero for payment purposes in agreement with the QMAS team. These practices were part of a joint group for QOF payment purposes, and their QOF achievement is included within the QOF scores for practice code N83028 (the lead practice code for the joint group). The five practice codes whose QOF scores were locally set to zero are: N83036, N83038, N83616, Y00353

and Y00476. The correct overall average score for this group of practices was 939.4 points (89.5%).

Cumbria and Lancashire SHA

For practice code P81772 in West Lancashire PCT

QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

Greater Manchester SHA

For practice code P88631 in Stockport PCT

Inappropriate data entry against an obsolete practice code.

For practice code P88632 in Stockport PCT

QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

Shropshire and Staffordshire SHA

For practice codes M82033, M82051, M82060 and M82604 in Shropshire County PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

File: QOF0405_Practices_DomainSummary_Southern.xls

Surrey and Sussex SHA

For practice code H81017 in East Elmbridge and Mid Surrey PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

Thames Valley SHA

For practice code K82034 in Vale of Aylesbury PCT QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions – corrected scores annotated.

South West Peninsula SHA

For practice code L83065 in Mid-Devon PCT

QMAS data entry issue relating to sequencing of submissions - corrected scores annotated.

Issues around PMS practices described on the QOF web site (under Notes on 2004/05 QOF Data)

For both North Bradford PCT and Durham Dales PCT, the inclusion of practices with local QOF arrangements in the tables means that the published PCT-level QOF achievement figures are lower than actual levels of achievement. In Durham Dales, for example, the summary figures for the whole PCT show QOF achievement as 90.2% instead of the 98.7% recorded by the PCT. Further information may be obtained from Helen Suddes, Director of Primary Care and Performance at Durham Dales PCT (01388 458835).

In Durham and Chester-le-Street PCT, a PCT-run PMS practice (code Y00255) had data removed from the QMAS system for payment purposes. The practice remains on the QMAS

system so that it can record activity for 2005/06. When data was extracted from QMAS for the publication of 2004/05 figures it included a recording of zero QOF points for this practice. When the achievement of this practice is taken into account, the overall average QOF achievement for Durham and Chester-le-Street PCT is 94.4%

The Health and Social Care Information Centre is not aware of other PCT-wide initiatives of this type. However, taking the non-submission of non-clinical data as a proxy for this type of scenario, there are fewer than 20 such practices in the indicator tables. The Health and Social Care Information Centre has included information for these practices in the published tables for the sake of completeness, with the advice that users of the data should take account of local circumstances in undertaking any comparative analysis of the QOF data.