

Supplement 4: Operational definition of GP consultations

GP consultations were defined as face-to-face or telephone consultations with staff members who were doctors, nurses (including community psychiatric nurses), or psychologists. The tables below show the consultation types and staff roles that were included in and excluded from our definition.

Consultation types included and excluded from our definition of GP consultations

Included		Excluded	
1	Clinic	0	Data not entered
2	Night visit, deputising service	5	Mail from a patient
3	Follow-up/routine visit	12	Discharge letters
4	Night visit, local rota	13	Letter from out-patients
6	Night visit, practice	14	Repeat issue
7	Out of hours, practice	15	Other
8	Out of hours, non-practice	16	Results recording
9	Surgery consultation	17	Mail to patient
10	Telephone call from a patient	19	Administration
11	Acute visit	23	Hospital admission
18	Emergency consultation	24	Children's home visit
20	Casualty attendance	25	Day case report
21	Telephone call to a patient	26	GOS18 report
22	Third party consultation	39	Medicine management
27	Home visit	41	Community nursing note
28	Hotel visit	42	Community nursing report
29	NHS direct report	43	Data transferred from other system
30	Nursing home visit	44	Health authority entry
31	Residential home visit	45	Health visitor note
32	Twilight visit	46	Health visitor report
33	Triage	47	Hospital inpatient report
34	Walk-in centre	48	Initial post-discharge review
35	Co-op telephone advice	49	Laboratory request
36	Co-op surgery consultation	51	Radiology request
37	Co-op home visit	52	Radiology result
38	Minor injury service	53	Referral letter
40	Community clinic	54	Social services report
50	Night visit	56	Template entry
55	Telephone consultation	57	GP to GP communication transaction
61	Extended hours	58	Non-consultation medication data
		59	Non-consultation data
		60	E-Pharmacy message

Staff roles included and excluded from our definition of GP consultations

Included		Excluded	
1	Senior partner	0	Data not entered
2	Partner	12	Health visitor
3	Assistant	16	Social worker
4	Associate	17	Pharmacist
5	Non-commercial local rota of <10 GPs	18	Dispenser
6	Commercial deputising service	19	Non-qualified dispenser
7	Locum	20	Practice manager
8	GP registrar	21	Fund manager
9	Consultant	22	Business manager
10	Sole practitioner	23	Administrator
11	Practice nurse	24	Secretary
13	Community nurse	25	Receptionist
14	Midwife	26	Physiotherapist
15	Community psychiatric nurse	27	Chiropodist
34	Hospital nurse	28	Dentist
47	Salaried partner	29	Dietician
50	GP retainer	30	Counsellor
		31	Osteopath
		32	Maintenance staff
		33	Other healthcare professional
		35	Community medical officer
		36	School nurse
		37	Health education officer
		38	Contact tracing nurse
		39	Stoma therapist
		40	Computer manager
		41	Interpreter/Link worker
		42	Chiropractor
		43	Acupuncturist
		44	Homeopath
		45	Mental handicap nurse
		46	Carer
		48	Occupational therapist
		49	Speech therapist
		51	Phlebotomist
		52	Other medical & dental
		53	Other students
		54	Other nursing & midwifery
		55	Other allied health professionals
		56	Other professional scientific & technical
		57	Other healthcare scientists
		58	Other additional clinical services
		59	Other admin & clerical
		60	Clinical practitioner access role
		61	Nurse access role
		62	Nurse manager access role
		63	Health professional access role
		64	Healthcare student access role
		65	Biomedical scientist access role
		66	Clinical coder access role
		67	Optometrist
		68	Radiographer