Using the practice dashboard for EPS and eRD: a stepby-step guide

This guide for GP practices and prescribers shows you how to access data on your monthly Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) and Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD) use.

About the dashboard

The EPS utilisation dashboard allows GP practices and integrated care boards (ICBs) to:

- compare EPS and eRD prescribing between GP practices and ICBs
- identify the opportunities to maximise EPS and eRD locally
- help prioritise potential areas of activity
- monitor the impact of initiatives to increase EPS and eRD

If you're registered for ePACT2, you can access the EPS utilisation dashboard here.

Otherwise, use this step-by-step guide to access the data.

Accessing the dashboard

1. Access the EPS utilisation dashboard via the NHSBSA website. Visit: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/epsdashboard

2. Click the link for EPS prescribing data dashboard. The dashboard will download as an Excel spread sheet. This may take a few minutes.

The data is updated on a regular basis. To access the most up to date information, we recommend downloading the dashboard every month.

3. Click the downloaded file to open the dashboard and click Enable Editing. You will be presented with an introduction page with four options:

- Practice Dashboard
- Practice Data
- CCG Dashboard

CCG Data

Accessing your practice data

4. Click Practice Data.

5. Find your practice under GP PRACTICE CODE AND NAME (column A).

   You can also use the drop down menu to search by practice code or name:

EPS Prescribing Data - GP Practices (Feb 2019)

GP PRACTICE CODE AND NAME	EPS ITEMS	eRD ITEMS	EPS OPPORTUNITY ITEMS	ALL ITEMS	EPS ITEMS AS PERCENTAGE OF ALL ITEMS (%)	EPS ITEMS AS PERCENTAGE OF EPS OPPORTUNITY ITEMS (%)	eRD ITEMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL ITEMS (%)	eRD ITEMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF EPS ITEMS (%)	CCG NAME
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx			18,064	18,577	78.87	81.11	0.00	0.00	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	531	4	18,434	19,054	76.26	78.83	0.02	0.03	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	15,842	79	18,235	18,774	84.38	86.88	0.42	0.50	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	0	0	14,336	17,288	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	7,574	28	14,763	15,159	49.96	51.30	0.18	0.37	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Column F shows your EPS as a percentage of all items dispensed.

Column I shows your eRD items as a percentage of EPS items.

If you are a dispensing practice, column G shows your EPS items as percentage of EPS opportunity items. This is your potential maximum level of EPS.

6. Click on the home icon at the top of the sheet to return to the introduction screen

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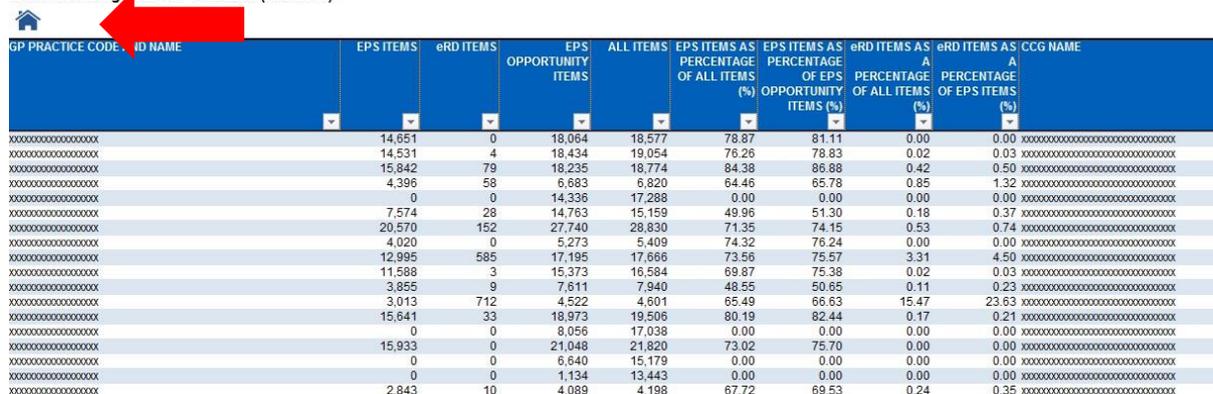
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Comparing your practice data with CCG and UK figures

7. Click Practice Dashboard.

8. Use the drop down lists to select your CCG and practice to see your analysis for EPS and eRD.
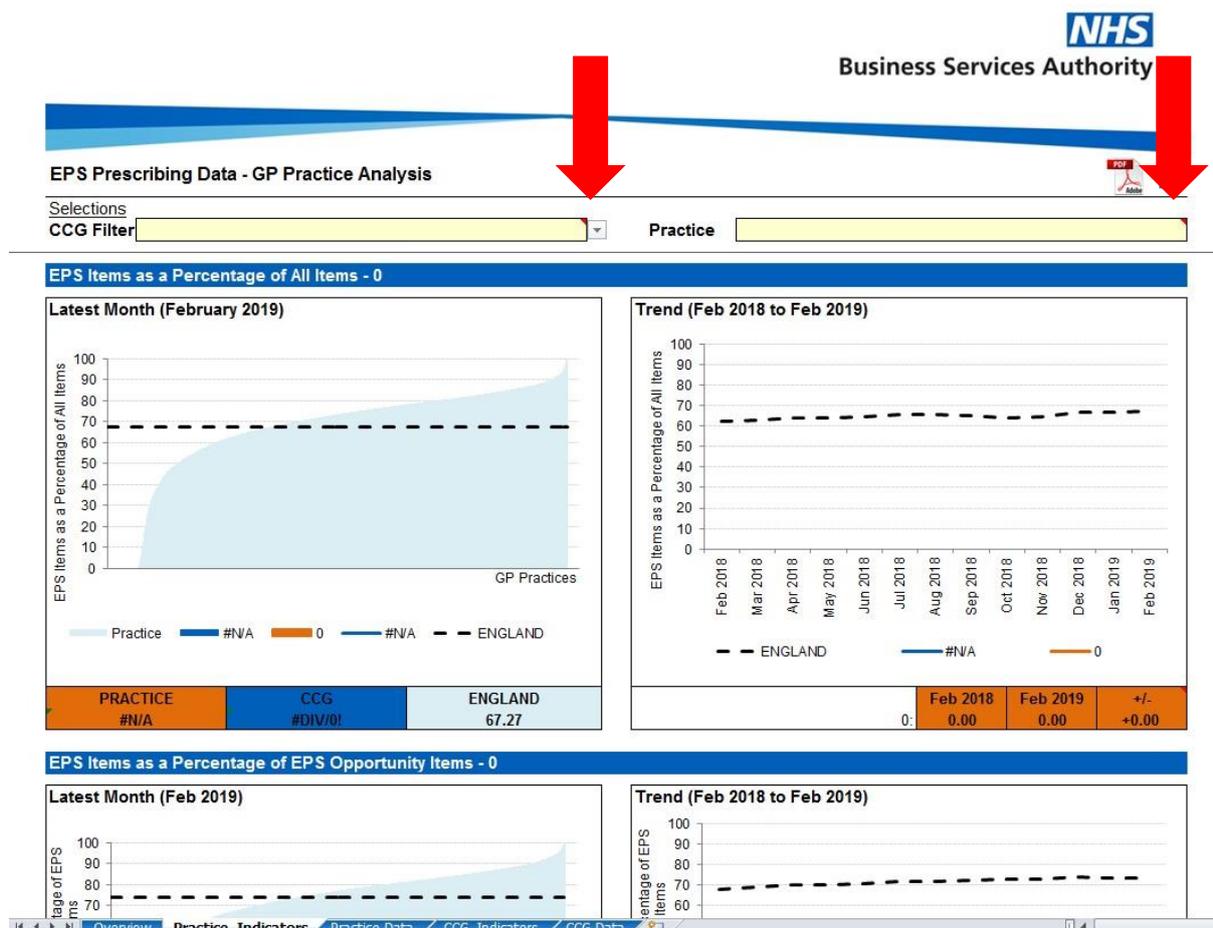
This will display a series of graphs, allowing you to compare data for your practice with your CCG and UK-wide figures, including:

- EPS as a percentage of all items for the previous month
- EPS as a percentage of all items for the previous 12 months
- eRD items as a percentage of all items for the previous month
- eRD items as a percentage of all items for the previous 12 months

Exiting the dashboard

9. To exit the dashboard, close Excel. You will see a prompt asking if you want to save the changes you made? Click Don't Save

If you have any questions about your data, or for more information about EPS and eRD and how we can help, contact the NHSBSA EPS team: epssupport@nhsbsa.nhs.uk