

BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

1. Key Issues specific to this release: There are no specific issues for this release.

2. Link to Summary Quality Report: A Summary Quality Report for Internal Migration can be found at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/quality/downloads/IM_SQR.pdf. This report describes, in detail, the intended uses of the statistics presented in this publication, their general quality and the methods used to produce them.

Common Pitfalls in interpreting series

3. Definitional Changes from 1991: Prior to 1991, a 3-month time lag was assumed between a person moving and their re-registration by National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR). Since computerisation of the NHSCR in 1991, date of acceptance by the receiving Health Authority (HA) has been available and therefore a single month's lag is considered more accurate.

Relevance to users

4. Cross Border Flows: The figures have been adjusted to take account of differences in recorded cross-border flows between England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. The numbers for the receiving country are used, as the receiving country information is seen to be more accurate.

Coherence

5. Comparison with Patient Register Data System (PRDS) figures: These figures can be compared to the PRDS tables which are released in late August of each year. These figures are based on a yearly snapshot of the GP patient registers and compared against last year to identify movers.

The PRDS provides slightly different numbers to the NHSCR because of slightly different boundaries for some Government Office Regions.

Notes on Tables

6. Rounding: The sum of constituent items in tables may not always agree with totals exactly due to rounding.

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