Cephalosporin prescribing per CCG

We can use the form to look at total prescribing on Cephalosporins and other Beta-Lactams (BNF section 5.1.2) per item-based STAR-PU for oral antibiotics.

https://openprescribing.net/analyse/#org=CCG&numIds=5.1.2&denom=star_pu_oral_antibac_items

There is quite a spread across CCGs, the top prescribers dish out items for 5.1.2 at about five times the rate of the lowest:

Clicking "Show on map" suggests some geographical trends:
The data in the image above is for April 2015, but using the time slider you can see these areas are consistently high over time.

Meanwhile clicking "show over time" shows a very clear individual outlier in the shape of NHS Hambleton:

Say you are interested in what's going on in this CCG, you can select "see prescribing by a practice or practices" in the form to analyse the individual practices in NHS Hambleton:

https://openprescribing.net/analyse/#org=practice&orgIds=03D&numIds=5.1.2&denom=star_pu_oral_antibac_items

Use "show on map" to check for geographical trends among the practices (actually don't seem to be any clear ones)
But "Show over time" shows lots of variation and some individual with consistently high numbers, e.g. Lambert Medical Centre is consistently high:

You could then send the GPs at Lambert Medical Centre a link to the form, showing that they are consistently the highest in the CCG.

If the GPs say "but we're not like other practices in this CCG for reason X": we would strongly agree that these are measures and not indicators, and there will often be
good reasons why a practice is an outlier (the text to explain this on the text will be up before it launches publicly). To get more context, however, you can add more practices e.g. here’s Lambert Medical Centre compared with its own CCG and all practices in a couple of neighbouring CCGs:

https://openprescribing.net/analyse/#org=practice&orgIds=02Y,B82042,03Q,00D&numIds=5.1.2&denom=star_pu_oral_antibac_items

You could also send them a link the individual dashboard for this practice, showing that they’re prescribing at more than four times the national average rate:

https://openprescribing.net/practice/B82042
Crucially, this shows time trends. The GPs and you can then refer back to this permanent URL, and see if there are improvements over time. The full dashboard for the practice is shown below.
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Part of CCG: NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby
Current practice type: GP Practice

Prescribing dashboard
How this organisation performed on six prescribing measures, compared to the mean for all practices in NHS England. These are important measures, but they should be interpreted thoughtfully. It may be that the doctors working in that practice have different prescribing habits than their colleagues. However, there may be other good reasons why a practice is prescribing more or less than other practices in the country, they may have a very different patient population to the national average, for example. Please read our notes on using the data.

Rosuvastatin Calcium vs. Atorvastatin
Prescribing of Rosuvastatin Calcium (BNF code 0212000AA) compared with prescribing of Atorvastatin (BNF code 021200680).

Get more information on LAMBERT MEDICAL CENTRE’s prescribing of Rosuvastatin Calcium vs. Atorvastatin: see how this practice compares to all practices in the same CCG.

Corazette vs. Desogestrel
Prescribing of branded Corazette (BNF code 0700211QQ88) compared with prescribing of all Desogestrel (BNF code 0700211Q88).

Get more information on LAMBERT MEDICAL CENTRE’s prescribing of branded Corazette vs all Desogestrel: see how this practice compares to all practices in the same CCG.

Cephalosporins per oral antibiotics STAR-PU
Prescribing of Cephalosporins (BNF section S1.2) compared with item-based STAR-PUs for oral antibiotics for this practice.

Get more information on LAMBERT MEDICAL CENTRE’s prescribing of Cephalosporins etc per oral antibiotics STAR-PU: see how this practice compares to all practices in the same CCG. We only have list size data (from which STAR-PUs are derived) back to April 2013. If you know a better source of openly licensed data please get in touch!

All antibacterial drugs per oral antibiotics STAR-PU
Prescribing of Antibacterial Drugs (BNF section S1) compared with item-based STAR-PUs for oral antibiotics for this practice.

Get more information on LAMBERT MEDICAL CENTRE’s prescribing of all antibacterial drugs per oral antibiotics STAR-PU: see how this practice compares to all practices in the same CCG. We only have list size data (from which STAR-PUs are derived) back to April 2013. If you know a better source of openly licensed data please get in touch!

Preglitazone Hydrochloride vs. all Antidiabetic Drugs

Celecoxib vs. all NSAIDs