Fit notes issued by GP practices: October to December 2017 (Q3 2017-18)

Experimental Statistics

Fit notes

61.9% of fit notes reported in Q3 2017-18 were classified as May be Fit for work, compared to 62.2 per cent for the same period in 2016-17

6.3% of fit notes reported in Q3 2017-18 were classified as May be Fit for work, compared to 6.2 per cent for Q3 2016-17

1,447,780 fit notes issued by included practices (62.6 per cent) in Q3 2017-18

1 fit note per 47 patients aged 18 to 65 on average per month in Q3 2017-18, compared to 1 fit note per 48 patients in Q3 2016-17

33.7% of fit notes were for 5 weeks or longer in Q3 2017-18 compared to 33.8 per cent in Q3 2016-17

57.1% of episodes comprise 1 fit note in Q3 2017-18 compared to 59.4 per cent in Q3 2016-17

7.4% of episodes comprise 5 or more fit notes in Q3 2017-18 compared to 6.1 per cent in Q3 2016-17

Fit notes for diseases of the respiratory system rose by 0.3% from November to December in 2016 and by 12.7% for the same period in 2017. The number of fit notes for all other diagnoses fell in December when compared to October and November for both 2016 and 2017

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