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Dementia: anti-psychotic prescriptions

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Indicator

Proportion of people with dementia prescribed anti-psychotic medication.

Indicator type

Network / system level indicator.

The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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Rationale

Reducing the use of antipsychotic drugs for people with dementia is a national priority. People with dementia often experience behavioural and psychological symptoms. These symptoms can often be prevented or managed without antipsychotic medication. This indicator therefore aims to inform the need for further investigation or action where high levels of antipsychotic medication subscribing are found.

Source guidance

Dementia: assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers. NICE guideline NG97 (2018), recommendations 1.7.1 to 1.7.8

Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator with a prescription for antipsychotic medication.

Denominator: The number of patients with a diagnosis of dementia.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: None.

Data source: NHS England Primary Care Dementia Data.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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