Public Health Scotland has released data on prescribing activity in the community in an open data format. This information release makes these data available in response to information requests on prescribing and subsequent dispensing of prescriptions.

Open Data files enable independent analysis of prescribing and dispensing activity in the community. Information is shown for each prescribing practice and prescriber type and the number of those items dispensed at different community pharmacies. This can be used in a range of ways including to analyse prescribing and dispensing patterns by geography.

Prescribing Practice and Dispensing Pharmacy Data can be found on the [NSS Open Data Platform](https://www.nss.org.uk/open-data). Further information is available from the Prescribing webpages.

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