

# Referral data from Primary Care Electronic Extraction: August 2023

From the initial manual extraction of data for Exceed we had no referral data.

There are two tables in the extraction dealing with referral data SRReferralIn and SRReferralOut. The former is small and unlikely to be useful and relates to services delivered by GPs largely to other GPs.

The latter is much bigger containing a comprehensive dataset on referrals made for participants by GPs to outside services. It contains information on type and date of referral and supposedly diagnosis code (although this turns out to be more about recipient of referral), urgency and practice making the referral.

The new electronic extraction has referral data on 7,668 participants from 38 local practices, with 63,635 appointments recorded.

Of participants registered with local practices, the range of referral count per participant is 1 – 112, with an average of 8.3, STD 8.2 and a median of 6.

For practices, the range of referral count per practice is 2 – 12,986 with an average of 1,665.

## Coded data

532 different CTV3 terms are used, linked to most referrals, range 1 to 2,984.

The top 4 referral codes are: -

XaOwL = Choose and Book referral

8H54. = Orthopaedic referral

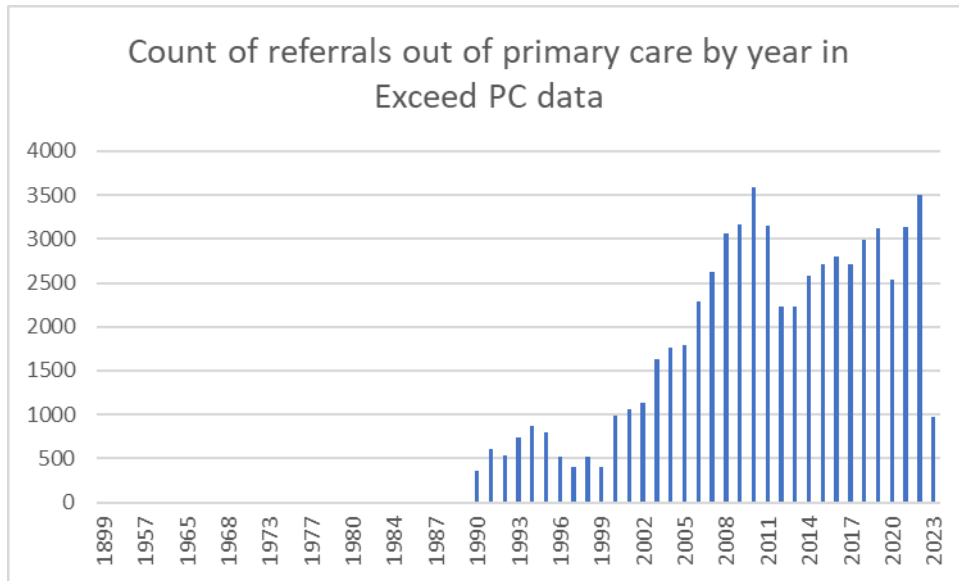
8H53. = ENT referral

XaZGh = Referral to Single point of Access service

Finding the exact reason may need further work to relate it to the code table as some of these are a bit vague. However, there are fast track referrals for suspected cancer eg of skin or breast specifically coded.

## Date Ranges

Looking at DateEvent, it looks as if we have referral data for our cohort from about 2005.



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