

## Transmitting eMED3 fit note data to the DWP (England only)

The Department of Work & Pensions performs a weekly anonymous extract of fit note usage data for collection, storage, transmission and publication by NHS Digital.

If you do **not** consent to secondary use of GP patient identifiable data, it must be coded on your care record. If you do not actively express dissent, implied consent is assumed.

To comply with the Department of Health's patient objection policy, data about patients who have dissented from secondary use of their data will not be included in the extract.

Electronic submission of non-identifiable patient data to the DWP will only be sent if the patient has *not* opted out.

### What data is included in the extract?

The data extracted is completely anonymous to protect patient privacy and consists of:

- How many eMED3 fit notes are issued.
- How many patients are recorded as 'unfit' or 'maybe fit' for work.
- Fit note duration.
- Gender.
- Health condition type aggregated to a high level diagnosis code, for example, paranoid schizophrenia would be classed as a Mental Disorder.
- Location, including CCG areas.
- Whether workplace adaptations were recommended.
- The Issuer's profession.