

Estimating the total costs of prescribed medicines attributable to people with diabetes in Scotland

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- Overall aim was to estimate total cost of diabetes in Scotland
 - 1. Estimate inpatient admissions costs and investigate characteristics associated with inpatient admission and cost
 - 2. Estimate prescription costs and investigate characteristics associated with prescription costs
 - 3. Create a base to develop economic model for health interventions



Background

• **220,000** people in Scotland have diabetes (4% of the Scottish population)

 Annual cost of admission for people with diabetes in Scotland is £301m (12% of Scottish inpatient expenditure)

 £57m was spent on Insulin, Oral antidiabetics, and screening/monitoring agents (6% of Scottish prescription expenditure)









- Scottish Care Information Diabetes Collaboration (SCI-DC)
 - National register of diagnosed diabetes in Scotland, 99% coverage
 - Contains detailed patient and clinical information, and data on prescribed medications
- Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA)
 - Standard NHS costs for dispensed medications
 - Prescription data and PCA matched using drug name, strength and formulation; matching was achieved in 96% of records in SCI-DC prescription file
- Cost of prescriptions assessed using generalised linear model with gamma family and log link functions
- For type1 and type 2 diabetes, models examined associations of costs with age, sex, deprivation, creatinine, BMI, HbA1c, and diabetes duration



Type 1 costs 14% increase between 2005-2007 Type 1 population 4% increase between 2005-2007



Type 2 costs 21% increase between 2005-2007 Type 2 population 10% increase between 2005-2007



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Type 1: Deprivation and costs

Increased deprivation has increased costs overall



Type 2: Deprivation and costs

Increased deprivation has increased costs overall





Results

	All	Diabetes	Insulin
Туре 1	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)
Male	1.033 (0.964-1.107)	1.229 (1.143-1.321)	1.224 (1.139-1.315)
Age	1.006 (1.004-1.008)	0.989 (0.986-0.991)	0.989 (0.986-0.991)
BMI	1.015 (1.007-1.023)	1.032 (1.026-1.039)	1.033 (1.027-1.040)
LN(HbA1c)/0.0953	1.002 (0.986-1.019)	1.036 (1.011-1.062)	1.037 (1.011-1.063)

	All	Diabetes	Insulin
Туре 2	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)
Male	0.943 (0.921-0.967)	1.018 (0.990-1.047)	0.815 (0.734-0.907)
Age	0.999 (0.998-1.001)	0.981 (0.980-0.983)	0.956 (0.952-0.960)
BMI	1.009 (1.005-1.012)	1.038 (1.036-1.040)	1.019 (1.013-1.026)
LN(HbA1c)/0.0953	1.014 (1.008-1.021)	1.257 (1.247-1.268)	1.494 (1.455-1.535)



Summary

- Diabetes patients account for 4.3% of the Scottish population
- Prescriptions for people with diabetes accounts for £192m (20% of total Scottish prescription expenditure)



- In type 1 diabetes, males are associated with higher costs, whereas the opposite is true in type 2
 - Younger people and larger BMI assoc. with higher costs
 - For diabetes and insulin costs, higher HbA1c is associated with greater costs



• Examine associations between characteristics and cost of prescriptions in more detail

 Compare estimated costs of prescribed medications to dispensed medications (in collaboration with Information Services Division, NHS Scotland)

• Which factors can be used to predict prescription cost?







Results – All prescriptions

	Type 1	Type 2
	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)
Male	1.033 (0.964-1.107)	0.943 (0.921-0.967)
Age	1.006 (1.004-1.008)	0.999 (0.998-1.001)
SIMD – Q1 (least deprived)	-	-
SIMD – Q2	1.161 (1.067-1.263)	1.065 (1.026-1.106)
SIMD – Q3	1.171 (1.100-1.246)	1.062 (1.036-1.089)
SIMD – Q4	1.194 (1.133-1.259)	1.136 (1.082-1.193)
SIMD – Q5 (most deprived)	1.358 (1.170-1.576)	1.161 (1.140-1.182)
Diabetes duration	1.004 (1.001-1.006)	1.023 (1.022-1.024)
LN(Creatinine)	1.409 (1.289-1.541)	1.236 (1.131-1.350)
BMI	1.015 (1.007-1.023)	1.009 (1.005-1.012)
LN(HbA1c)/0.09531	1.002 (0.986-1.019)	1.014 (1.008-1.021)
Year 2006	1.057 (1.003-1.113)	1.057 (1.033-1.081)
Year 2007	1.079 (1.014-1.149)	1.071 (1.043-1.099)

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Results – Diabetes prescriptions

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	Туре 1	Type 2
	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)
Male	1.229 (1.143-1.321)	1.018 (0.990-1.047)
Age	0.989 (0.986-0.991)	0.981 (0.980-0.983)
SIMD – Q1 (least deprived)	-	-
SIMD – Q2	1.159 (1.030-1.304)	1.038 (0.983-1.095)
SIMD – Q3	1.118 (1.029-1.216)	1.036 (0.995-1.079)
SIMD – Q4	1.024 (0.980-1.069)	1.042 (1.004-1.081)
SIMD – Q5 (most deprived)	1.091 (0.981-1.213)	1.053 (1.015-1.093)
Diabetes duration	1.002 (0.998-1.007)	1.117 (1.115-1.120)
LN(Creatinine)	0.959 (0.899-1.023)	1.158 (1.107-1.212)
BMI	1.032 (1.026-1.039)	1.038 (1.036-1.040)
LN(HbA1c)/0.09531	1.036 (1.011-1.062)	1.257 (1.247-1.268)
Year 2006	1.046 (0.965-1.134)	1.079 (1.053-1.106)
Year 2007	1.063 (0.988-1.144)	1.077 (1.056-1.099)



Results – Insulin prescriptions

	Type 1	Type 2
	Cost Ratio (95%CI)	Cost Ratio (95%CI)
Male	1.224 (1.139-1.315)	0.815 (0.734-0.907)
Age	0.989 (0.986-0.991)	0.956 (0.952-0.960)
SIMD – Q1 (least deprived)	-	-
SIMD – Q2	1.160 (1.031-1.305)	1.206 (0.998-1.456)
SIMD – Q3	1.116 (1.025-1.214)	1.210 (1.065-1.374)
SIMD – Q4	1.018 (0.974-1.063)	1.034 (0.929-1.150)
SIMD – Q5 (most deprived)	1.053 (0.953-1.165)	1.061 (0.952-1.183)
Diabetes duration	1.001 (0.997-1.005)	1.214 (1.205-3.917)
LN(Creatinine)	0.961 (0.904-1.022)	3.283 (2.751-3.917)
BMI	1.033 (1.027-1.040)	1.019 (1.013-1.026)
LN(HbA1c)/0.09531	1.037 (1.011-1.063)	1.494 (1.455-1.535)
Year 2006	1.034 (0.957-1.117)	1.086 (0.989-1.194)
Year 2007	1.065 (0.988-1.148)	1.059 (0.998-1.123)

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