

Questions:

I would like to request information on

1. The total number of GP practices in the North Down and Ards areas under the GP federation.
2. The number of those GP practices in the North Down and Ards areas that offer shared care. Broken down with specific data for each area if possible.

Responses:

I would direct you to the following information in response:

1. The total number of GP Practices in the North Down Federation Area is 12. You may find further information on the North Down Federation website at the following link:

- <https://northdownfederation.co.uk/>

The total number of GP Practices in the Ards Federation Area is 12. Further detail can be found online at the following link:

- <https://easternfsu.com/gp-federations/>

2. SPPG do not hold data on the GP practices (in the North Down and Ards areas) that offer shared care, broken down with specific data for each area.

Please note, as clinical and legal liability associated with a prescribed medication falls to the doctor who issues and signs the script, a GP must be confident in the diagnosis, support and guidance given to them and the patient, by the recommending specialist. The decision to enter into a shared care agreement, or not, is therefore a clinical decision for individual GPs to make and as such is not collected/monitored.

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