

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be answered

Please provide me with any information you have showing how many children aged 16 and under have been provided contraceptives in each of the last five financial years (up to March 2022) years?

Please break the figures down by male and female, their ages and the type of contraceptive they were given or prescribed (i.e. combined hormonal contraceptives, emergency contraception, IUD progestogen-only device, oral progestogen-only contraceptives, parental progestogen-only contraceptives, condoms).

Table 1: Individuals Aged 16 or Under Issued Prescriptions for Contraceptives by Financial Year

Prescription Year					
2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
75	67	101	80	109	432

Table 2: Individuals Aged 16 or Under Issued Prescriptions for Contraceptives by Financial Year and BNF Paragraph

BNF Paragraph*	Prescription Year					Total
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
Combined hormonal contraceptives & systems	60	56	76	61	73	326
Oral Progestogen-only contraceptives	14	15	23	24	40	116
Parenteral Progestogen-only contraceptives	2	4	5	3	4	18
Emergency Contraception	0	1	6	1	3	11
Intra-Uterine Progestogen-Only Device	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	76	76	110	89	121	472

* Some individuals will be prescribed a contraceptive under 2 or more BNF paragraph headings in the same financial year. In these cases the individuals are counted once under each paragraph in which they appear for each financial year.

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Table 3: Individuals Aged 16 or Under Issued Prescriptions for Contraceptives by Financial Year and Age at Date of Prescription

Age at Prescription*	Prescription Year					Total
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
16	47	44	54	45	61	251
15	21	22	28	32	47	150
14	8	9	22	18	15	72
13	2	6	11	5	7	31
12	4	2	2	1	2	11
11	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	83	83	117	101	133	517

* Some individuals will be prescribed a contraceptive in the same financial year but at 2 different ages less than or equal to 16. In these cases the individuals are counted under both ages within any individual financial year.

Source: NSS BI Reporting - Prescribing Information System Date Warehouse

Coverage: Community/Practice dispensing only (Hospitals data not available at individual patient level); prescription financial years **2017-18 to 2021-22**; age at date prescription issued to patient **16 years or less**; Board in which prescribing took place **NHS Shetland**; BNF Section **contraceptives** or **contraceptive devices**.

All data in tables 1 – 3 is for female patients only. No data exists for males under the relevant BNF headings.