

## How to use GMC Data Explorer: video transcript

Welcome to the General Medical Council's Data Explorer.

We collect and share data about the medical profession and their organisations to support workforce planning and improve patient care. GMC Data Explorer allows you direct access to explore the data we hold on doctors and doctors in training.

In this video, we'll guide you through how to view and download data, how to access the help information and how to use the website and in-report navigation.

When you launch Data Explorer, this is the first page you'll see. We have 6 separate report areas for you to explore, each of which have additional navigation items as you hover over them. Here we have The Register, Revalidation, Fitness to Practise, Medical schools, Postgraduate training and Doctors moves. Let's have a look at our register data summary page.

From here you can see all the reports that we offer in the register summary section. Here the reports are separated into summary data, a look at our register over time, and specific reports on GPs and Specialists. Let's have a look at our Specialist data summary page.

Like most pages on Data Explorer, you will find data tables, graphs and charts immediately on display, and on the right – a collection of slicers which change the data to suit your needs. Here for example, we'll change the report to show doctors located in Northern Ireland and registered with us without a licence to practise. Notice how the data changes as you use the slicers. You can also use the show by drop down to change the values displayed in the charts, let's change this to cut the data into age bands.

On every page of Data Explorer, you will be able to show the results as a data table, and download the data too. Click on this 'more options' button above any chart and select 'Show as a table' to view the same information as a data table. In the same more options menu, click on 'Export data' to download the report as an Excel or csv file. This button is called Focus Mode and it will increase the size of a chart so you can see it more clearly, and you can hover over chart sections to show the figures.

In addition to the navigation menu at the top of the page, we have also included a number of in-report buttons. These buttons will take you to more information without needing to use the main navigation. Using our medical schools reports as an example, you can find links to graduates' locations, their current registration and more details on medical schools. Every page will provide you with the means to use slicers to filter the report to what you want to see. To remove any slicers you've applied, you can always use the 'Clear all selections' button to return to the default state of the report.

We have also included information buttons on every page, to give more details on what this report is showing and how the data is calculated.

If you would like to contact us or provide feedback on Data Explorer, we have included a feedback form in the footer of the website, where you can also find our sitemap and separate

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instructions to help you download information.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this video. If you have any challenges with using Data Explorer, please get in touch via the Feedback form or email [insightandresearch@gmc-uk.org](mailto:insightandresearch@gmc-uk.org) and we will reply to you directly.