

SPHERE study dataset

Further explanation of the “Label” column in “Variable View” for some variables

1. Bracketed references to a letter and a number (e.g. E8, C1, B3b, etc.) refer to sections of the self-report patient questionnaire used for the study. For example, in row 10 under “variable view” the label reads “Baseline GMS eligible (self-report) (E8)”. This means that Question E8 on the baseline patient questionnaire asked patients to indicate whether they were GMS eligible.
2. Study Regions (row 5 in Variable View)
 - East: Former Eastern Regional Health Authority region (former South Western Area Health Board, East Coast Area Health Board and Northern Area Health Board regions).
 - West: Health Service Executive West region (former Western Health Board and North Western Health Board regions).
 - North: Northern Ireland’s Eastern Health and Social Services Board region.
3. The term “allocation” in the context of this dataset refers to the random allocation of practices to the intervention or control arms of the study.
4. Rows 344-366 in Variable View
These data, about spending on behaviours influencing cardiovascular risk factors, were only collected at follow-up stage, not at baseline.