

Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of practices responding or not responding to the survey.

	Yes (n = 245) ^a		No (n = 146) ^a		Comparison between responding and non-responding practices	
	Mean	Mean	Difference	95% CI	P-value	
Response to survey						
Practice list size	6710	5971	739	-107 to 1585	0.087	
Number of GPs (FTE)	3.4	2.9	0.50	0.05 to 0.96	0.029	
Access points under QOF	49	49	-0.1	-1.5 to 1.2	0.735	
Total QOF points	966	953	13.3	-11.8 to 38.3	0.443	
	Number of practices (%)	Number of practices (%)	Odds ratio	95% CI	P-value	
Proportion single-handed practices	46 (20)	43 (33)	0.51	0.31 to 0.83	0.006	
Personal Medical Services contract	84 (37)	54 (41)	0.81	0.52 to 1.27	0.363	
Training practice ^b	81 (36)	32 (25)	1.66	1.03 to 2.70	0.038	
Any dispensing patients	33 (14)	19 (15)	0.98	0.53 to 1.81	0.958	

^aData from GMS statistics (2004) and QOF data (2004-2005) available for 229 and 232 responder practices respectively and 132 and 135 non-responder practices respectively. GMS statistics provided by Andrew Wagner, National Primary Care and Development Centre. QOF data available from Health and Social Care Information Centre¹⁵. ^bData about training practice status relates to GMS statistics from 2003.