

# Postcode Health Data Notes

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## Table Structure

Field	Description
<b>Postcode</b>	Full UK Postcode (eg UB7 0EB)
<b>Postcode_Sector</b>	The Postcode Sector (eg UB7 0)
<b>Postcode_District</b>	The Postcode District (eg UB7)
<b>Postcode_Area</b>	The Postcode Area (eg UB)
<b>Health_Authority_Code</b>	Strategic Health Authorities in England, Health Boards in Scotland, Health and Social Services Boards (HSSBs) in Northern Ireland, empty for Wales
<b>Health_Authority_Name</b>	Strategic Health Authorities in England, Health Boards in Scotland, Health and Social Services Boards (HSSBs) in Northern Ireland, empty for Wales
<b>NHS_Region_Code</b>	NHS Region in England plus Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland
<b>NHS_Region_Name</b>	NHS Region in England plus Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland

## NHS Region & NHS Code

Administrative and health authority codes are those used by ONS. Allocation of Local Government codes to Postcode is by point-in-polygon comparison against Boundary-Line data, excluding Northern Ireland.

In the case of unitary authorities, no code is given for administrative county, the authority code appears as the district code.

The NHS codes are then determined from the County, District and Ward using data supplied by Office for National Statistics (ONS)

The NHS Code is a 3 character code indicating the Health Authority.

NHS codes for the Isle of Man (IM), Guernsey (GY) and Jersey (JE) now appear on Postzon. They are as follows:

IM = YAC

JE = YAD

GY = YAE

The NHS Region is a 3 character code indicating a Regional Office in England. Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales do not have Regional Offices but have been allocated dummy codes.

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Data Source: [www.postcodeaddressfile.co.uk](http://www.postcodeaddressfile.co.uk) & [www.list-logic.co.uk](http://www.list-logic.co.uk)

Names for the Administrative and health authority codes are those used by ONS and have been appended to each record using the latest official ONS reference table.

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