

Operational:

- 119 MROs
- 705 Operational, active, accredited Medical Experts
- 1,932 Authorised Users

Searches:

- 33,300 + searches on the MedCo system in August resulting in the selection of an MRO
- Over 4,600 searches resulting in the selection of a Direct Medical Expert (DME)
- 76% of DME selections are for GPs
- 13% of DME selections are for physiotherapists

Board Subgroups:

- Education and Training
- Operations
- Audit
- IT
- Expert and Peer Review

Accreditation:

- Since 1st June 2016 all experts must be accredited

Operations: Enforcement action taken against medical experts, MROs and solicitors:

- 360 warning letters sent
- 268 users suspended from MedCo register
- Of which 95 re-instated after behaviour rectified
- 4 Shell MROs have been terminated from the Service in July 2017.

MRO Audits :

- A programme to audit all existing MROs commenced in January 2017
- All new applications will be subject to audit prior to the MRO being made operational.
- Additional audits will also identify companies whose practices are in breach of the MedCo User Agreement and enforcement action will be taken against them