

## **Operational:**

- 116 MROs
- 721 Operational, active, accredited Medical Experts
- 1,947 Authorised Users

## **Searches:**

- 32,700 + searches on the MedCo system in September resulting in the selection of an MRO
- Over 4,600 searches resulting in the selection of a Direct Medical Expert (DME)
- 75% 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 all experts must be accredited

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

- 363 warning letters sent
- 271 users suspended from MedCo register
- Of which 95 re-instated after behaviour rectified

## **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