

Operational:

- 117 MROs
- 739 Operational, active, accredited Medical Experts
- 1,978 Authorised Users

Searches:

- 34,000 + searches on the MedCo system in October resulting in the selection of an MRO
- Over 4,800 searches resulting in the selection of a Direct Medical Expert (DME)
- 73% of DME selections are for GPs
- 17% 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:

- 407 warning letters sent
- 272 users suspended from MedCo register
- Of which 96 re-instated after behaviour rectified
- 14 users have been terminated from the MedCo service.

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