

Operational:

- 120 MROs
- 739 Operational, active, accredited Medical Experts
- 2,029 Authorised Users

Searches:

- 25,000 + searches on the MedCo system in December resulting in the selection of an MRO
- Over 3,400 searches resulting in the selection of a Direct Medical Expert (DME)
- 71% of DME selections are for GPs
- 19% 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
- 277 users suspended from MedCo register
- Of which 98 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