* PoM: prescription-only medicines from qualified prescribers (doctors, dentists, nurse or pharmacist independent prescribers, or supplementary prescribers).
* P: pharmacy-only medicines, obtained without a prescription (colloquially, ‘over the counter’) from, or under the supervision of, a qualified pharmacist.
* GSL: general sales list medicines, obtained without a prescription from, for example, a pharmacy or a supermarket.
* Some prescription medicines are controlled under the Misuse of Drugs legislation (and subsequent amendments). These medicines are called controlled medicines or controlled drugs.