

Appendix One: the 20 medications most frequently prescribed to people in prison, and the total number of prescriptions for each medication, from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2022.

Rank	Generic name	Prescription count
1	IBUPROFEN	18,030
2	OMEPRAZOLE	9,665
3	QUETIAPINE	8,744
4	ATORVASTATIN	7,760
5	SALBUTAMOL	7,195
6	FLUTICASONE PROPIONATE	6,465
7	AMITRIPTYLINE HYDROCHLORIDE	6,361
8	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE	4,237
9	PARACETAMOL	4,185
10	METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE	4,159
11	LORATADINE	4,153
12	ALLOPURINOL	4,116
13	MIRTAZAPINE	3,940
14	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE	3,849
15	TRAMADOL HYDROCHLORIDE	3,786
16	SERTRALINE	3,629
17	DICLOFENAC SODIUM	3,604
18	CITALOPRAM	3,449
19	ASPIRIN	3,314
20	CELECOXIB	3,312

Notes for table:

- The generic name indicates the active ingredient of the drug.
- An individual will be counted separately each time they receive a prescription and prescriptions can vary in length. As such, it is not possible to draw conclusions from the figures provided about the proportion of the prison population prescribed any particular drug during this period.
- As at 31 March 2022 there were 7,669 people in custody, however the prison population fluctuates on a daily basis.
- On any given date the prison population includes a small number people in Corrections' lawful custody but who are transferred to offsite locations, including mental health facilities, whose prescriptions are therefore not included in Corrections' centralised records.