

Core Metric One = mg/Population Correction Unit (PCU):

- mg refers to the amount of antibiotic active ingredient (note that, in line with European Surveillance of Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption (ESVAC) principles, topical antibiotics such as antibiotic sprays and eye drops will not be included)
- PCU refers to the weight of animal at risk on the dairy farm, based on the average weight at time of treatment. This is calculated by multiplying the average number of adult dairy cows by 425 kg
- 425 kg is the weight used by ESVAC in the PCU figure used for national monitoring of antibiotic sales data