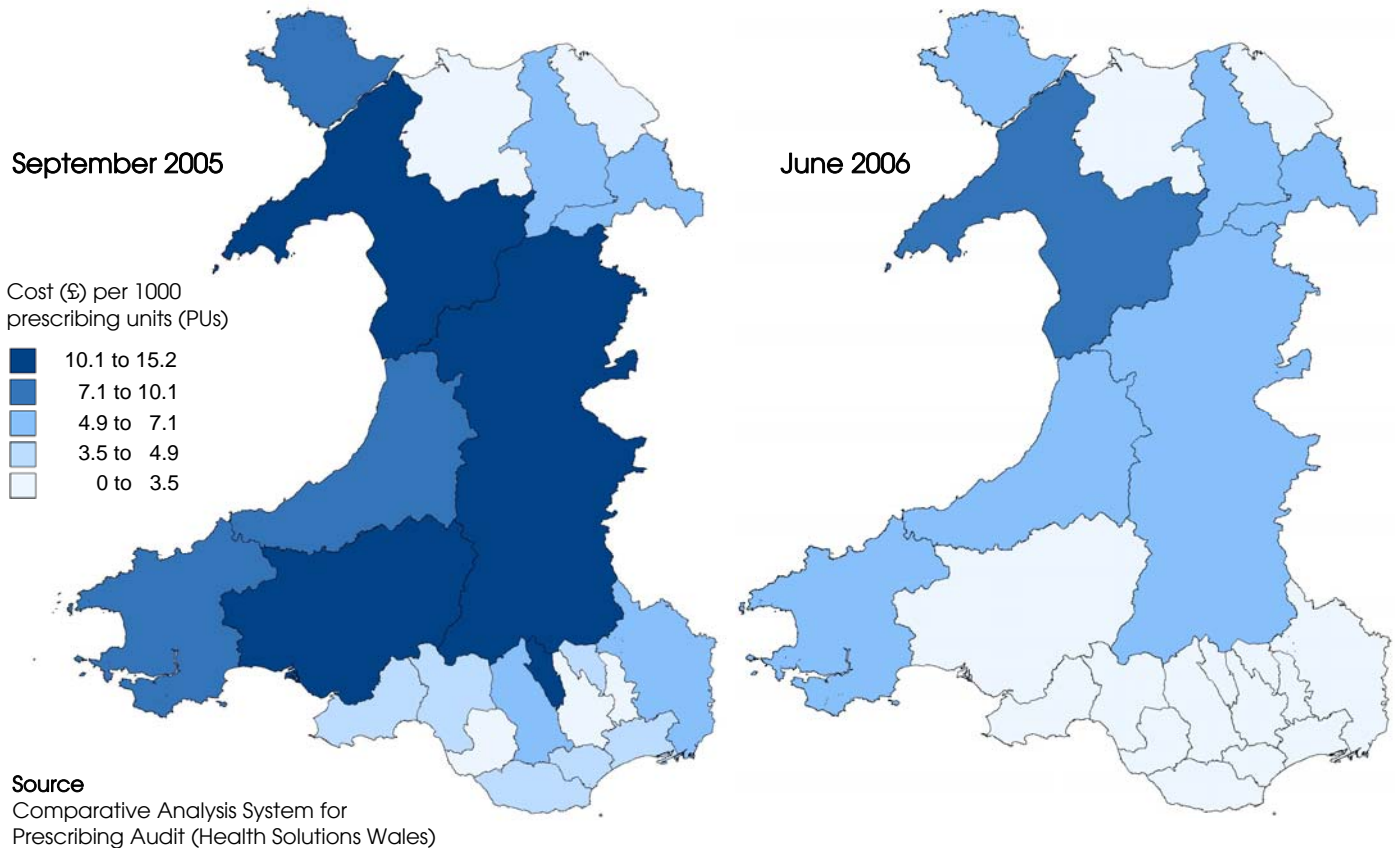


Co-proxamol prescribing – update



Cessation of co-proxamol prescribing

- ◆ In January 2005 the CSM advised that the benefits of taking co-proxamol do not outweigh the risks in any patient group and that the drug should be withdrawn from the market
- ◆ The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group stated that co-proxamol prescribing should be reduced to zero by March 2006.
- ◆ 11,713 prescriptions for co-proxamol were dispensed in Wales during September 2005 (see above; also WeMeReC Maps, January 2006). This number had reduced to 4,623 in June 2006.
- ◆ The MHRA anticipate that any supply of co-proxamol after cancellation of the licenses at the end of 2007 will be the responsibility of the prescriber (i.e. on a "named patient" basis).