



## News - Issue 21 - January 2020

### ePACT2 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION-

In our last edition of Hints and Tips we told you about our 'One Drug Database' (ODD) project we are working on to move all NHSBSA drug data into one place to provide a consistent single source of information which will result in a consistent robust dataset which aligns with dm+d (Dictionary of medicines and devices).

This is something that our users have been requesting for a long time and we are excited to be finally rolling out a dataset which aligns primary care prescribing data with secondary care, thus allowing easier future linking between these two datasets.

We gave you some examples of how the data will be presented in the future such as the changes in the naming convention to match dm+d nomenclature and how BNF codes will change for products (drugs and appliances) where the pack size is currently shown as part of the naming convention ([you can read more about these here.](#))

However, this project **is** going to have an impact on reports and analysis that you may have built yourself in ePACT2, particularly any filters that you may have made within your reports.

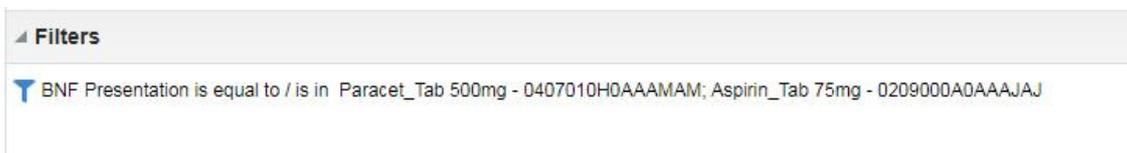
There are two major impacts on our ePACT2 users:

- User-built filters may need rebuilding at BNF presentation and BNF chemical substance level
- BNF changes and movements mean filters may bring back different results after this change

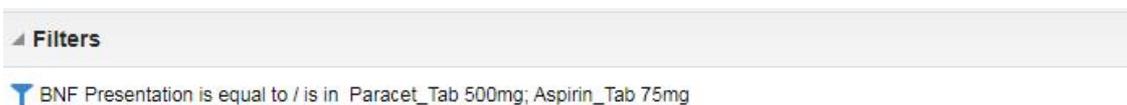
#### User-built filters changes:

If you have constructed any filters using the fields '*BNF Presentation*', '*BNF Presentation plus Code*', '*BNF Chemical Substance*' or '*BNF Chemical Substance plus Code*' then your filter may no longer return the information you are expecting. By default, ePACT2 uses a setting called "Filter by code" which will include the code in the filter you have created and ensure it continues to work. However, it is possible that some of your filters were not created this way and that those filters will not work in the expected way after the implementation of ODD.

It is possible to check whether your filter will still work by checking if the code is included alongside the chemical substance or presentation name as pictured below:



A filter without 'Filter by code' enabled will look like the below:



This type of filter will no longer work after ODD goes live and will need to be rebuilt as names will have changed to match DM+D.

To check if a filter will need rebuilding after ODD implementation then you will need to open the analysis containing the filter, or the filter itself if it is a saved filter, and manually check if the BNF code is contained in the filter. This will follow the format BNF Presentation Name – BNF Code and if the 'BNF Presentation plus Code' field has been used then it will follow the format BNF Presentation Name (BNF Code) – BNF Code. This is the same for 'BNF Chemical Substance' and 'BNF Chemical Substance plus Code'.

If you require guidance on whether your filters will work or if you require help

rebuilding them you can contact the support team on [nhsbsa.help@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.help@nhs.net) or 0191 2035050

### **Examples of filters that will work after ODD go live**

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Presentation is equal to / is in Paracet\_Tab 500mg - 0407010H0AAAMAM; Aspirin\_Tab 75mg - 0209000A0AAAJAJ

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Presentation plus Code is equal to / is in Paracet\_Tab 500mg (0407010H0AAAMAM) - 0407010H0AAAMAM; Aspirin\_Tab 75mg (0209000A0AAAJAJ) - 0209000A0AAAJAJ

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Chemical Substance is equal to / is in Paracetamol - 0407010H0; Aspirin - 0209000A0

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Chemical Substance plus Code is equal to / is in Paracetamol (0407010H0) - 0407010H0; Aspirin (0209000A0) - 0209000A0

### **Examples of filters that will NOT work after ODD go live**

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Presentation is equal to / is in Paracet\_Tab 500mg; Aspirin\_Tab 75mg

▲ Filters

⌵ BNF Presentation plus Code is equal to / is in Paracet\_Tab 500mg (0407010H0AAAMAM); Aspirin\_Tab 75mg (0209000A0AAAJAJ)

### **BNF changes and movements:**

Where changes to the BNF hierarchy have resulted in presentations being removed, moved or added, filters may return incomplete data or changed data. For example, if you had filtered at BNF chemical substance level for Buprenorphine Hydrochloride (0410030A0), due to changes within the hierarchy below that chemical substance this search will now return different data than prior to ODD.

The BNF hierarchy will be changing at all levels, from chapter down to presentation level. The BNF hierarchy movements caused by ODD implementation are still being finalised, a document detailing these changes will be being released and communicated towards the end of January 2020 to assist users during the transition period.

The implementation of this improved dataset is scheduled to take place on the

weekend of 8/9 February 2020 with ePACT2 being unavailable from 5pm on Friday 7 February 2020 until lunchtime of Monday 10 February 2020. Therefore, from afternoon of Monday 10 February 2020 the November 2019 data will be in the new ODD format with the December 2019 data following soon after, on approximately 18 February 2020.

We appreciate that initially these changes may be difficult to navigate for individual users and may require extra work on your behalf but please be assured that if you need assistance to re-create your filters we are here to help and support. Our contact details have already been provided above.

This project has been undertaken for the overall future benefit of information services users, the wider NHS and the public with the payback of a consistent single source dataset soon outweighing any difficulties experienced in the implementation period.

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