**BNF Code Changes**

Since the publication of December 2019 data in the new format a further number of BNF code changes have taken place. These code changes apply to January 2020 data onwards as well as the historical data in ePACT2.

As there has been a number of queries raised relating to BNF code changes between December 2019 data and the release of January 2020 data we have published an additional mapping file that categorises the code changes in two ways, as follows:

* Annual BNF Code changes: these are changes that normally take place on an annual basis.
* Re-aligned BNF Code changes: during the implementation of a single drug database we identified a significant number of BNF codes that required re-alignment. We had hoped to implement these code changes as part of the release of December 2019 data. However as this did not take place as planned it resulted in these changes being incorporated as part of the release of January 2020 data.

Both datasets show a mapping of the BNF code in December 2019 data against the BNF code in January 2020 data as well as the BNF presentation name from January 2020 data.

We are hoping that sometime in the future we will be in a position to publish monthly changes to our data but are not currently able to provide any timescales as yet to when this might be implemented.