ePACT2 Update
Information Services

Look what's new

Migration of reports from Information Services Portal to ePACT2

We have successfully migrated a number of reports from the Information Services Portal (ISP) to ePACT2. The below reports can now be accessed in ePACT2:

- Potential Generic Savings

- Specialist Drugs

- Repeat Dispensing % Cost and Items

- Out of Hours of Care

- Programme Budget Categories

- Prescribing Analysis Reports (PAR)

- Personally Administered items

These reports are no longer accessible through ISP.

Please be aware the reports are in a beta phase and feedback to nhsbsa.help@nhs.net is welcome.

The remaining reports will be migrated by the end of January 2019.

Premium Priced Generics Dashboard released

A new dashboard is available in ePACT2

- Premium Priced Generics

There is an increasing volume of computerised prescriptions each month where the prescriber has prescribed a generic Drug Tariff Part VIIIA product but also with the name of the branded product or the supplier/ manufacturer added in brackets.

In these situations, the drug costs charged to the prescriber's budget and reimbursed to the community pharmacy or dispensing practice will be that of the list price of the branded medicine or the specified supplier. In many cases this cost will be significantly higher than the Drug Tariff Part VIIIA listed price.

To help CCGs monitor this scenario more closely and explore opportunities for review we have developed this dashboard to highlight the areas and practices where this is most common.

To view the dashboard:

- Log into ePACT2

- Select Dashboards from Landing Page

- Click Premium Priced Generics

ISP data download files

Although many of the reports from ISP are migrating to ePACT2 the following files will continue to be accessed via the portal:

- Demographic Data
- Prescribing Data

Drug Data files will be available by the end January 2019.

List Size

Historically, the NHSBSA has received Patient List Size information from NHS Digital on a quarterly basis; however the process has now changed and NHS Digital are providing the data on a monthly basis.

We are now in a position to publish patient list size information in a timelier manner, with the list size information being presented alongside relevant months prescribing data. November 2018 patient list size information is now in use.

STAR PU Reports

Following the improvement in the ePACT2 system that allowed users to include both Patient Unit measure information and BNF information within a single analysis, it is now possible to run STAR PU reports.

A guide on how to build your STAR PU analysis can be found on the NHSBSA website

New reports added to Catalyst – Public Insight Portal

Release of reports into the 'Catalyst' our public insight portal has begun and the below reports were added last month:

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The following reports have now been added to Catalyst:

- Potential Generic Savings
- Specialist Drugs
- Repeat Dispensing % Cost and Items
- Out of Hours of Care
- Programme Budget Categories

Access to Catalyst is available via the NHSBSA website:

https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescription-data/catalyst-public-insight-portal