

April 2020 NHS Re-organisation

Background

Prior to April 2018 there were 4 NHS England regions in place that the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) was required to report against. As of April 2018 the South of England region split into two, South East of England and South West of England resulting in 5 regions officially in place as of this date. The NHSBSA in agreement with NHS England (NHSE) did not reflect this change in our systems at the time and reporting continued against this region as a whole. It was also agreed that the NHSBSA would continue to report against the 27 NHS England Areas and 14 Local Offices even though they no longer operated as such.

Reporting against the above structure continued up to and including March 2020 dispensing data.

April 2020 structure and how these changes will impact reporting

From the 1st April 2020 a new organisation structure was implemented by the NHSBSA as agreed by NHS England. Reporting against this new structure will commence from April 2020 dispensing data which will be released around mid-June. These changes will be implemented across all of our reporting systems where applicable (Information Services Portal (ISP), Open Data Portal (OPD) and ePACT2).

In Summary April 2020 structure and changes is as follows:

- 7 regions replacing 4 regions
- 42 STPs replacing 27 Area Teams and 14 Local Offices
- 135 CCGs with the merger of 74 CCGs into 18
- 15 AHSNs with new mapping for 135 CCGs
- 986 PCNs – new structure added to a number of dashboards with more to follow
- Similar 10 suspended until new mapping available from NHS RightCare

ePACT2

ePACT2 runs a number of reports using the historical structure. This means that for April's data any of the new organisations will only have one month of data, therefore any trend analysis will appear with only one data point. It will also mean that any reports that are 3 months rolling etc. will only have one month data until a full 3 months data is available etc.

Due to the large number of changes there will be more closed organisations than there would be ordinarily but it is necessary that we continue to include these closed organisations in the structure so that analysis and reports can continue to run correctly when using the historical structure back to January 2014.

Any dashboards and reports that are run using the current structure will as usual map all historical data back to January 2014 to the new structure.

Users who have built their own analysis and reports will need to understand the new structure and update their analysis or reports appropriately to ensure they continue to run correctly.

If you need any advice or help checking or implementing your changes please feel free to get in touch with the training team at nhsbsa.ePACT2training@nhs.net

New Structure in more detail

- **Regions:** Reporting moving from 4 to 7 regions.
- **Sustainability Transformation Partnerships (STPs):** The NHSBSA have for sometime reported against 42 Sustainability Transformation Partnerships (STPs). These 42 STPs became legal entities with the relevant new codes assigned by Organisational Data Service as of April 2020 and have officially replaced 27 Area Teams and 14 Local Offices. This means that in addition to CCGs, pharmacy and appliance contractors as well as non CCGs will now be linked to an STP.
- **Primary Care Networks (PCNs):** A key part of the NHS long-term plan, primary care networks (PCNs) were introduced in 2019 to bring general practices together to work at scale and enable more GP collaboration. To support this the NHSBSA has implemented PCNs into their reporting structure and this geography will initially be included in several dashboards with more to follow.
- **Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs):** 191 CCGs will become 135 with the merger of 74 CCGs into 18
- **Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs):** 135 CCGs will now be mapped to the 15 AHSNs currently in place.
- **Similar 10:** We have taken the decision to suspend reporting of this geography until new mapping is available. Due to the reduction of CCGs from 191 to 135 from April 2020 new mapping is required to align these CCGs to their new Similar 10. Similar 10 calculations and subsequent mapping is carried out by NHS RightCare and provided to the NHSBSA for implementation. NHS RightCare have confirmed that this new mapping will not be available for the release of April 2020 dispensing data and is unlikely to be available until around August / September time (August / September dispensing data will be available in ePACT2 October / November).