Data Dictionary

Column	Title	Type	Description
PERIOD	Year and Month as YYYY MM	date	Example: 201401
BNF_NA ME	British National Formulary (BNF) Name	string	The name is given to the specific type, strength, and formulation of a drug or the specific type of an appliance. For example, Amoxicillin 500mg capsules
BNF_CO DE	British National Formulary (BNF) Name	string	The unique code used to refer to a BNF Presentation. For example, 0501013B0AAABAB.
HOSPITA L_TRUST _CODE	The Hospital Trust's Organisation Data Service Code (ODS)	string	For example, the Hospital Trust's Organisation Data Service Code (ODS), R1A. Look-up files are provided and maintained by NHS Digital, for example, see: Trusts under

QUANTIT Y	Quantity	number	The quantity of a medicine, dressing or appliance for which an individual item was prescribed and dispensed for each BNF Presentation. This represents a pseudo pack size, to illustrate the typical range of prescribed quantities of a given presentation. For example, a quantity of 28 for Amoxicillin 500mg capsules means that the pack size dispensed was 28 capsules.
TOTAL_ QUANTIT Y	Total Quantity	number	The total quantity of a drug or appliance that was prescribed. This is calculated by multiplying the prescribed Quantity by Items. For example, if 2 items of Amoxicillin 500mg capsules with a quantity of 28 were prescribed, Total Quantity will be 56.
TOTAL_I TEMS	Total Items	number	The number of times a product appears on a prescription form. Prescription forms include both paper prescriptions and electronic messages.
TOTAL_A CTUAL_ COST	Total Actual Cost	number	The basic cost after adjustment for the national average discount and some payments to the dispenser. The calculation is: Net Ingredient Cost - National Average Discount Percentage + (payment for consumables + out of pocket expenses + payment for containers)
TOTAL_ NIC	Total Net Ingredient Cost (NIC)	number	In British Pounds Sterling (GBP). The amount paid using the basic price of the drug, appliance or

medical device as stated in Part II Clause 8 of the
Drug Tariff