# **Pharmacy Contract Migration Changes**

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The Pharmacy Contract report was previously published on the NHSBSA Information Services Portal. It has been migrated to the NHSBSA Open Data Portal on the new [Pharmacy Contract – FP57 refunds page](https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/dataset/pharmacy-contract-fp57-refunds).

This dataset was previously named ‘Pharmacy Contract’ when it was published on the NHSBSA Information Services Portal. It is called ‘Pharmacy Contract – FP57 refunds’ now that it is published on the Open Data Portal. This change has been applied as the data now only contains information relating to FP57 refunds.

Specifically, the Pharmacy Contract - FP57 refunds dataset now shows the total payment amount for FP57 refunds pharmacy contract payments and the total number of pharmacies receiving FP57 refunds pharmacy contract payments for each Integrated Care Board (ICB). This data is published monthly.

The other following changes have made to the dataset:

* All columns relating to practice payments, establishment payments, repeat dispensing, MURs and ETP allowance have been removed as data is now not captured on these services by the NHSBSA.
* The column previously titled ‘Disp date’ has been changed to ‘YEAR\_MONTH’ and the data format in this column has been changed to the standard year month format e.g. May-23 becomes 202305.
* The columns titled SICBL name and SICBL code have changed to ICB\_NAME and ICB\_CODE as they were incorrectly titled.
* The use of the abbreviations AMT for AMOUNT and CNT for COUNT have been removed. The full word is now used e.g. COUNT
* All column titles have been capitalised and spaces have been replaced with an underscore to meet open data standards.
* The name of the file when downloaded is pharmacy\_contract\_yyyymm e.g. pharmacy\_contract\_202308 rather than Pharmacy\_Pharmacy\_mmmm e.g. Pharmacy\_Pharmacy\_August
* It is no longer possible to download this data in the .xlsx and .pdf formats. The format is now .csv only.
* The Open Data Portal does not require authorised or guest login – the data can be accessed directly at the [Pharmacy Contract – FP57 refunds page](https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/dataset/pharmacy-contract-fp57-refunds).