

Temperatures were rising in July, as were many generic prices. We recommend you check out the latest UK Price Watch article from the Generics Bulletin for analysis and insight on the biggest risers and the fastest movers, with market data provided by WaveData.

This month the WaveData Team got together for a summer social to celebrate not only my 20th work anniversary, but also Debbie Betts from our Data Team. 40 years between us.....wow!

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Bulletin, and please do follow us on Linked In for more news and commentary.



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Treatment trials for Ebola Begin

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that a trial of potential treatments for the species of virus behind the current deadly Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has begun, the first patient has been enrolled in DR Congo.

More than 1,400 cases and 438 deaths have been confirmed in the country, according to the WHO.

There are currently no approved vaccines or treatments for the Bundibugyo virus species of the disease, which is highly infectious.

The current trial is sponsored by the WHO, and is being co-ordinated by scientists at the Institute National de Recherche Biomédicale in DR Congo, the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Belgium, and the University of Oxford in the UK.

Source: BBC



Takeda partners with Indonesia

Takeda and the Indonesian Government Announce groundbreaking collaboration aimed at strengthening Indonesia's plasma ecosystem and supporting more equitable access to lifesaving plasma-derived medicinal products (PDMPs) in Indonesia and around the world. Marked by a fractionation license granted to Takeda by the Ministry of Health (MoH), the collaboration is a major milestone in advancing Indonesia's health resilience and biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities.

Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia says "this initiative reflects Indonesia's commitment to building strategic healthcare capabilities and ensuring sustainable access to essential and innovative therapies for Indonesian patients. By working closely with trusted global partners like Takeda, we can accelerate the development of a more resilient, future-ready healthcare system."

Source: Takeda



Pricewatch UK - Bisoprolol And Ezetimibe Surge In A Busy June For UK Rises

Two presentations of bisoprolol topped our Biggest Risers table for June – but the anticoagulant was far from the only generic experiencing steep UK price rises last month, with recently-launched ezetimibe increasing its average price by more than ten times.

While our monthly Biggest Risers ranking typically captures those generics with the fastest-rising average UK trade prices, occasionally they can be outstripped by a spike in the price of a generic from our Recent Launches table, given that recently-launched generics are excluded from that comparison.

Such was the case in June, when two strengths of the anticoagulant bisoprolol fumarate topped our Biggest Risers table with average increases in excess of 300%, only for them to be outstripped by a mammoth 894% average increase for ezetimibe tablets.

Based on UK trade prices to independent pharmacists, market researcher WaveData calculated that bisoprolol fumarate 7.5mg tablets and 3.75mg tablets in 28-count packs experienced average rises of 314% and 310% respectively in June, taking the prices to £2.07 (\$2.77) and £1.68 per pack.

Source: Generics Bulletin

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Boehringer expands cancer vaccine push

Boehringer Ingelheim has landed an exclusive license to Prime Vector Technologies' (PVT) viral vector platform for developing next-generation cancer vaccines.

The ORFV platform is specifically valuable to Boehringer because it supports repeat dosing and triggers potent antibody and T-cell responses, making it suitable for long-term therapeutic administration. While Boehringer holds exclusive rights to oncology uses, PVT retains the rights to use the platform for infectious diseases. The agreement features undisclosed upfront and milestone payments.

For Boehringer, the deal adds another piece to a broader cancer immunotherapy strategy. The German pharma has previously invested in viral oncology approaches, including through its acquisition of ViraTherapeutics.

Source: Fiercebiotech

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High numbers of illegal medicine doses seized

A record 28.5m doses of illegal medicines with an estimated street value of £64.4m were seized by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in the last year.

The MHRA said that between last April and this March, it conducted 1,706 “threat reduction interventions” relating to illegally traded medicines, compared to 1,091 the year before.

Its actions denied offenders £2.5m in criminal profits over the same period, and resulted in a combined 144 months of custodial sentences issued to offenders.

It added that it had 295 “illegally trading website domains” taken down, 113 social media accounts – totalling 4,175 posts - removed and 396 online marketplace listings deleted.

Source: Chemist & Druggist



LillyDirect comes to UK

Eli Lilly has announced that they have launched its dispensing and delivery service LillyDirect in the UK.

It said LillyDirect is currently available for private prescriptions of its blockbuster weight loss medicine Mounjaro, and the company “will continue to evaluate” which other drugs are offered through the service.

Online pharmacies Pharmacy2U and Onscript will support LillyDirect as dispensing partners, it added.

It comes after Lilly’s **investigational weight loss drug retatrutide** showed “meaningful improvements” across common obesity-related conditions in phase 3 trials earlier this month.

Source: Chemist & Druggist



WaveData Take a Deep Dive into ADHD Shortages and Diversity of Supply

ADHD stimulant medicines, especially Methylphenidate, are the single class of drugs most frequently in short supply worldwide.

In Europe 27 countries are suffering shortages and in the UK methylphenidate is the single most frequently shorted medicine.

The reasons for these shortages include:

- Explosive demand growth (In the UK prescriptions up 400% in a decade).
- Controlled-substance manufacturing limits (tight quotas, few producers).
- Complex supply chains (API concentration in a small number of factories).
- Limited numbers of alternative therapies (so shortages are highly visible).

This combination makes methylphenidate uniquely vulnerable compared with antibiotics, HRT, or diabetes drugs, which also experience shortages but with more suppliers and more alternatives.

If we include all forms of Methylphenidate and look at the number of wholesaler offers to pharmacies and dispensing doctors we get the graph below which shows that the numbers have grown from just 1 in the early months of 2000, to a peak of 642 in January 2022, but have since fallen back to a low of 308 in July 2024. Since then the number of wholesalers offers has recovered to over 400 a month, which suggests the UK is pulling out all the stops to resolve this crisis, but that we are in competition with the rest of the world.



While we were pulling the data together for this article we also looked at Methylphenidate Tablets in 30 packs, which are the most commonly sold form of this medicine in the UK. The number of wholesaler offers followed a similar rising trend to 2015. but then fell quickly, failing to make the recovery seen in the molecule as a whole. This suggests that the diversity of Methylphenidate packs is an advantage, with some manufacturers finding sources of supply the others cannot. This means that having brands, generics and branded generics in the UK mix is an advantage for shortage recovery.

Sources include:

Most Commonly Shorted Medicines in the UK 2026 | MediWatch
PGEU Medicines Shortages Report 2025

Wegovy pill launches in UK as first daily oral

A first-of-its-kind daily GLP-1 weight-loss pill has launched in the UK, expanding treatment options for adults living with obesity or overweight with a weight-related condition.

Novo Nordisk's Wegovy pill (semaglutide tablets) can now be prescribed through regulated private providers alongside a reduced calorie diet and increased physical activity.

The medicine is not currently reimbursed through the NHS and is being introduced through a phased UK rollout to ensure consistent supply.

Source: Pharmatimes



Asda Pharmacy launches 'face-to-face' weight loss service

Asda Pharmacy launched a pilot of in-person weight loss consultations across 19 of its 242 pharmacies, allowing eligible patients to meet face-to-face with specially trained pharmacists. The in-store service will be available from this month.

Asda said the pilot follows "growing demand for more personalised support", with customers "highlighting a desire for face-to-face consultations" alongside the existing Asda Online Doctor service.

Source: Chemist & Druggist

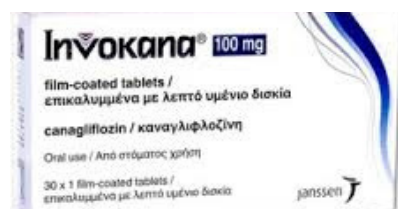


Top Ten Branded Product Searches: WaveData Live

These are the most commonly investigated Branded products on WaveData Live in the last 35 days. Both UK and PI prices were viewed, average prices are shown.

Product	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Invokana Tabs 100mg 30	27.48	27.50	27.66	26.68
Imigran Subject Injection Refill 6mg/0.5ml 2	30.81	27.35	26.27	26.38
Eklira Genuair Inhaler 322mcg 1 (60 Doses)	25.80	25.44	25.49	25.52
Relvar Ellipta Inhaler 92mcg/22mcg 1 (30 Doses)	21.74	21.78	21.74	21.64
Tiopex Eye Gel 1mg/g 0.4ml x 30	5.58	5.57	5.54	5.69
Nilemdo Tabs 180mg 28	54.50	54.00	52.60	50.38
Oestrogel Pump Pack Gel 0.06% 1 (64 Doses)	9.08	9.07	9.07	9.15
Dexafree Eye Drops Pres Free 1mg/ml 0.4ml x 30	4.97	5.38	5.84	5.86
Cyclogest Pessaries 400mg 15	12.40	12.28	11.94	11.76
Ganfort Unit Dose Eye Drops 0.3mg/ml + 5mg/ml 0.4ml x	10.93	10.98	11.31	11.18

Prices correct at time of compilation, but may be subject to change.



Top Ten Generic Product Searches: WaveData Live

These are the most commonly investigated Generic products on WaveData Live in the last 35 days. Both UK and PI prices were viewed, average prices are shown.

Product	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Ezetimibe Tabs 10mg 28	£0.67	£0.66	£6.29	£7.81
Apixaban Tabs 5mg 56	£4.00	£4.72	£2.69	£2.70
Sertraline Tabs 100mg 28	£0.58	£1.18	£0.86	£0.80
Dapagliflozin Tabs 10mg 28	£4.01	£4.75	£3.05	£3.22
Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28	£0.47	£0.93	£0.72	£0.69
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.35	£0.40	£0.39	£0.40
Omeprazole Caps 20mg 28	£0.40	£0.41	£0.38	£0.41
Atorvastatin Tabs 40mg 28	£0.48	£0.52	£0.54	£0.53
Zopiclone Tabs 7.5mg 28	£0.55	£0.60	£0.59	£0.60
Progesterone Caps 100mg 30	£2.18	£2.69	£3.15	£3.12

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FUTURE INDUSTRY EVENTS

Next steps for the use of patient data in the UK	3rd Sept 26	Online
3rd European Cancer and Oncology Congress	14th - 15th Sept 26	London
International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference	14th - 17th Sept 26	Birmingham
Expopharm	15th - 17th Sept 26	Munich
Next steps for technology, data and innovation in the NHS	16th Sept 26	Online
9th HPAPI: Development & Manufacturing of Highly Potent Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients	16th & 17th Sept 26	Milan
International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP)	22nd - 25th Sept 26	Costa Rica
Next steps for pharmacy in healthcare delivery in England	25th Sept 26	Online
BioForward 2026	29th Sept 26	Oxford
Delivering patient benefit from innovation and health tech	2nd Oct 26	online
BioTechX	6th - 8th Oct 26	Basel
2nd MedTech Meets AI	14th & 15th Oct 26	Barcelona
Next steps for professional healthcare regulation in the UK	22nd Oct 26	Online
Next steps for medicine regulation in the UK	23rd Oct 26	Online
The 5th European Congress on Controversies in LEUKEMIA	26th - 27th Oct 26	Germany
World Orphan Drug Congress Europe 2026	26th - 28th Oct 26	Amsterdam
The 3rd European Congress on Dermato-Oncology2026	12th - 13th Nov 26	Netherlands
Future for vaccines in the UK	24th Nov 26	Online
Next steps for NICE in England	30th Nov 26	Online
World EPA Congress 2027	2nd & 3rd Mar 27	Amsterdam
PharmaVenue 2027	26th - 27th Apr 27	Barcelona

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