

PRICE WATCH UK			
Price Watch Index	95.4	Pharmacy Profit Index	79.8
Monthly change	-0.5	Monthly change	+0.3
August 2016		August 2016	

UK trade prices in August, as measured by the average prices of our representative product basket, drifted down slightly last month, moving closer to 5% below where they had been six months earlier. Down by 0.5 percentage-points to 95.4, the Price Watch Index was nevertheless still far ahead of the Pharmacy Profit Index, which rallied marginally by 0.3 percentage-points to 79.8.

This shows that pharmacists are still more than 20% adrift of the profits they were making six months ago. In financial terms, they were paying about £100 (US\$133) less for the product basket in August than they had been in March. Their profit, meanwhile, had slipped by nearer £350.

Basket Price	Reimbursement Price	Pharmacy Profit
£2,031.82	£3,375.46	£1,343.64

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The Price Watch Index is based on the actual average trade price according to WaveData of a representative basket of 20 popular generic products in March 2016, when the Index was 100. The basket reflects recent official prescribing data for England and Wales and represents what an average pharmacy would pay for the products, which were selected as being the top cash generators within pharmacy. The Pharmacy Profit Index is calculated on the same basis by applying Drug Tariff reimbursement prices to the basket.

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