

PRICE WATCH UK

Price Watch Index	77.1	Pharmacy Profit Index	86.7
Monthly change	-12.1	Monthly change	+10.9

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More than £400 (US\$520) has been wiped off the value of our typical basket of generics over the past three months, cutting the Price Watch Index to below 80 for the first time since it was started at 100 in March 2016. A monthly drop of 12.1 in the Index to 77.1 in April saw almost £250 sliced off the basket's value during the month to £1,640.61. In January 2017, the trade price of the basket was £2,091.06 and the Price Watch Index stood at 98.2.

Independent pharmacists benefitted from almost all of the price cut in April, although the Department of Health shaved another £75 off the reimbursement price of the basket to £3,099.70. Pharmacists' dispensing profit margin rose to £1,459.09, better than at any time since May 2016 when the Pharmacy Profit Index stood at 99.1.

April 2017's figure of 86.7 represented a double-digit improvement over the March Index of just 75.8. 

Basket Price	Reimbursement Price	Pharmacy Profit
£1,640.61	£3,099.70	£1,459.09

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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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