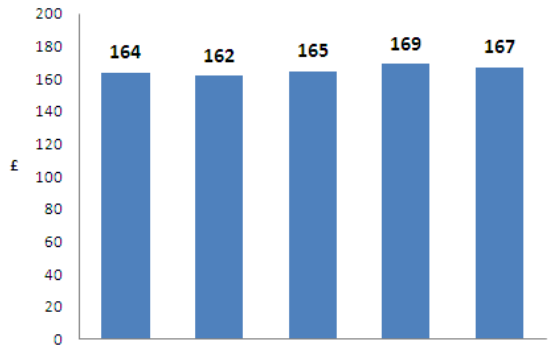


## United Kingdom

### Recent changes in pharmaceutical policy measures and developments in pharmaceutical expenditure

Major changes in pharmaceutical policy in 2012-2013	Development of pharmaceutical expenditure in the last 5 available years												
<p><u>Pricing</u></p> <p>The Coalition Government undertook to honour the five year 2009 Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS) agreement for branded medicines.</p> <p>No changes in 2012 or any planned for 2013.</p> <p><u>Reimbursement</u></p> <p>No changes in 2012 or any planned for 2013.</p> <p><u>Other changes</u></p> <p>The NHS prescription charge in England will increase to £7.85 for each quantity of a drug or appliance from 1 April 2013.</p> <p>However, the cost of prescription prepayment certificates remain at £29.10 for a 3 month certificate and £104 for an annual certificate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outlook</b></p> <p>Negotiations are underway between government and the pharmaceutical industry on new pricing arrangements for branded medicines including value-based pricing to be introduced from 1 January 2014.</p>	<p><u>Out-patient sector</u></p> <div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Average annual net ingredient cost (NIC) per capita of prescription items dispensed in England, 2007-2011</b></p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Average annual net ingredient cost (NIC) per capita (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>164</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>162</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>165</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>169</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>167</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>Source: NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre (July 2012), Prescriptions Dispensed in the Community, Statistics for England - 2001-2011</p> <p><u>In-patient sector and total market</u></p> <p>No data available.</p>	Year	Average annual net ingredient cost (NIC) per capita (£)	2007	164	2008	162	2009	165	2010	169	2011	167
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