



BRITISH GENERIC MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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PPRS agreement on out of patent brands positive for the NHS and patients—Smith

Commenting on the Department of Health's announcement of agreement with the ABPI on the PPRS, BGMA Director Warwick Smith said:

"The BGMA welcomes the proposal to link the price of out of patent branded medicines to the reimbursement price of the equivalent generic. We have long argued that these products compete against each other and it was a distortion of the market to apply different reimbursement regimes to them. This is a positive move for the NHS and for patients.

"We will be looking carefully at all the proposed changes to the PPRS to ensure that they provide an environment which will allow the generic industry to continue to put downward pressure on the drugs bill by providing two thirds of NHS medicines at competitive prices."

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NOTE TO EDITORS

The BGMA represents the interests of United Kingdom-based manufacturers and suppliers of generic medicines and promotes the development of the generic medicines industry in the United Kingdom.

The BGMA is made up of 20 members of the generic manufacturing industry, who between them account for around 85% of the UK market by volume.

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