

Paracetamol

Need short term pain relief?

You can buy paracetamol from a pharmacy or supermarket, please don't request them on prescription*. In Devon we spend around £2.5million each year on prescribed paracetamol, **this is the equivalent of :**



103

community nurses



119

drug treatment
cures for breast
cancer



453

hip replacements



2966

drug treatment
courses for
Alzheimer's



3481

cataract
operations

A box of 32 paracetamol tablets on prescription costs the NHS four times[#] as much as it does to buy them from a pharmacy or supermarket.
[#]approximately

*If you are already regularly prescribed paracetamol for chronic pain you won't be affected.