

# 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<sup>#</sup> as much as it does to buy them from a pharmacy or supermarket.  
<sup>#</sup>approximately

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