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Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services: 2017

The review process for the items making up the inflation basket used to calculate the UK consumer price inflation indices and how and why the various items in the basket are chosen.

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1 . Introduction

The “shopping baskets” of items used in compiling the various measures of consumer price inflation are reviewed each year. Some items are taken out of the baskets and some are brought in to make sure the measures are up to date and representative of consumer spending patterns. In 2017, 16 items have been added to the CPIH basket, 11 items have been removed and 8 have been modified.

This article describes the review process and explains how and why the various items in the consumer price inflation baskets are chosen. The contents of the baskets for 2017 are summarised in [Annexes A and B](#), and the main changes from the 2016 price collection are discussed below. Similar articles have been published in previous years.

The following are the main measures of consumer price inflation covered in the article.

CPIH

A measure of consumer price inflation that includes owner occupiers’ housing costs (OOH) and council tax. From 21 March 2017 the commentary on CPIH will be expanded and put first in the Consumer Price Inflation statistical bulletin. CPIH is not currently a National Statistic and it has been reassessed by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) against the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The [assessment report](#) published on 3 March 2016 included a number of requirements that need to be implemented for CPIH to regain its status as a National Statistic and [we are working to address these](#).

Consumer Prices Index (CPI)

A measure produced to international standards and in line with European regulations. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used in the Government’s target for inflation.

Retail Prices Index (RPI)

A legacy measure that we continue to publish because of its use in long-term contracts and index-linked gilts. In accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the Retail Prices Index and its derivatives were assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in 2013 and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics. The [full assessment report](#) can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.

This article also summarises other methodological changes relating, for example, to the coverage of CPIH, the level of detail published and the aggregation methods used in CPIH and CPI. These are described in the “Other changes” section.

2 . The shopping basket

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. A convenient way of thinking about this is to imagine a very large “shopping basket” containing those goods and services bought by households. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in consumer price inflation indices represent the changing cost of the shopping basket.

In principle, the basket should contain all consumer goods and services purchased by households and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, the consumer price indices are calculated by collecting a sample of prices for a selection of representative goods and services in a range of UK retail locations including the internet. Currently, around 180,000 separate price quotations are used every month in compiling the indices, covering around 700 representative consumer goods and services. These prices are collected in around 140 locations across the UK and from the internet and over the phone at ONS.

Within each year, the consumer price indices represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by:

- keeping the sample of representative goods and services constant
- applying a fixed set of weights to price changes for each of the items such that their influence on the overall index reflects their importance in the typical household budget
- taking care to ensure that replacements for brands that are no longer stocked in an individual shop are of comparable quality

In this way, changes in the consumer price indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not ongoing variations in the quality and quantity of items purchased by consumers.

However, the contents of the consumer price inflation basket of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases that might otherwise develop over time, for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to move away from buying goods and services which have risen relatively rapidly in price and to goods and services whose prices have fallen. For example, if the price of tea rose dramatically during one year, consumers might switch their spending towards coffee making it necessary to adjust the expenditure weights accordingly in the following year.

These procedures also help to ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending patterns. For example, the proportion of household expenditure devoted to services has broadly risen overall over the last 25 years. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the consumer price indices, and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area: examples include playgroup and nanny fees.

Changes to the items and their associated item weights are introduced in the February index each year, but prices are collected for both old and new items in January. This means that the figures for each year can be “chain linked” together to form a long-run price index spanning many years. In other words, price changes between December and January are based on the old basket and weights, and price changes between January and February, and beyond, are based on the new basket and weights. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket and weights do not introduce a discontinuity in prices as measured by the indices. More information on chain-linking and changes to the current procedure are summarised in the “Other changes” section of this article.

[Consumer Price Indices: A brief guide: 2016](#) provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the consumer price indices. These are described in much greater detail in [Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual](#) and [CPIH Compendium](#).

In reality the CPIH and Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation baskets differ because CPIH includes a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs and council tax that are excluded from CPI. Both the CPIH and CPI baskets contain some items excluded from the Retail Prices Index (RPI) basket such as university accommodation fees and unit trust commissions. Similarly, the RPI basket contains some items (for example, estate agent fees) that are excluded from the CPIH and CPI baskets. The precise weights attached to the individual items also differ. The differences between the inflation measures are discussed in [Users and uses of Consumer Price Inflation Statistics](#).

3 . Representative items

There are some individual goods and services where typical household spending is so large that they merit inclusion in the baskets in their own right: examples include petrol, and electricity and gas supply. However, it would be both impractical and unnecessary to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the consumer price indices.

More commonly, a sample of specific goods and services has to be selected that gives a reliable measure of price movements for a broader range of similar items. For example, price changes for garden spades might be considered representative of price changes for other garden tools. The selection of these representative items is judgmental since the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame (that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households) restrict the use of traditional random sampling methods when choosing the representative items.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected whose price movements, when taken together, provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the CPIH and Consumer Prices Index (CPI) “furniture and furnishings” class, from beds to kitchen units, whose prices are used to calculate an overall estimate of price change for all furniture products.

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall consumer price indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to “furniture and furnishings” in the CPIH and CPI shopping baskets reflects average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to spending on the basket items only. Similarly, the weight of garden spades would be derived from all spending on garden tools.

These expenditure weights have historically been updated annually so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. In line with usual practice, the CPIH and CPI class weights were updated with effect from the January 2017 index and the Retail Prices Index (RPI) section weights will be revised with effect from the February index, at which point the weights for the more detailed item indices will also be revised. However, from 2017, the CPIH and CPI class weights will be updated additionally with the February index. More information on this is included in the “Other Changes” section. Broadly speaking, over the longer term, weights for services have increased while those for goods have decreased. A more detailed article on changes to the published consumer price indices weights for 2017 will be published on our website on 20 March 2017.

4 . Selecting the representative items

A number of factors need to be taken into account when choosing representative items. Of course, the items must be easy to find by price collectors, so ensuring that estimates of price change are based on an adequate number of price quotes collected throughout the UK. Since the consumer price inflation statistics are based on the cost of fixed in-year baskets of goods and services, ideally they should also be available for purchase throughout the year. However, availability of some food and clothing items is clearly seasonal, and so these goods require a slightly different treatment in the indices.

The number of items chosen to represent each product group within the indices depends both on the weight (that is, expenditure) of the group and also the variability of price changes between the various items that could be selected to represent the group (reflecting, for example, the diversity of products available). Intuitively, it makes sense to choose more items in product groups where spending is high. This helps to minimise sampling variability in the estimate of price change for high-weighted groups, and therefore in the overall price index. However, if price movements of all possible items in the group are very similar, it is sufficient to collect prices for only a few ¹. In contrast, if price movements of all the possible items are very different, prices will be needed for many representative items to get a reliable overall estimate of price change for the group.

Based on this, the allocation of items to broad commodity groups can be analysed, as shown for the 12 divisions of CPIH in Table 1, and the balance used as an anchor for the annual review of the baskets. The significant allocation of items to the food division relative to its index weight, for example, is partly explained by the relatively high variation in observed price changes between the individual goods in this area. Conversely, a smaller proportion of items relative to index weight is allocated to the restaurants and hotels division, reflecting greater similarity in observed price changes. In some cases, such as transport and housing, apparent low allocations of items are explained by the presence of some dominant individual items (for example, car purchase and motor fuels, and owner occupiers' housing costs and housing rents respectively). Here, the case for adding further items to improve coverage of these divisions' remaining index weights is much weaker. Instead, it is far more important to ensure that the sampling of prices for these heavily weighted items is as comprehensive as possible.

Table 1: Allocation of items to CPIH divisions in 2017

	CPIH weight, Jan 2017 (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes ¹	Representative items ² (per cent of total)
1 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	8.3	Medium	24
2 Alcohol & tobacco	3.3	Medium	4
3 Clothing & footwear	6.2	Medium	11
4 Housing & household services	27.6	Low	5
5 Furniture & household goods	5.1	Medium	10
6 Health	2.2	Low	3
7 Transport	13	Medium	6
8 Communication	2.1	Medium	1
9 Recreation & culture	12.3	High	17
10 Education	1.7	High	1
11 Restaurants & hotels	10.4	Low	7
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	7.8	Medium	11

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 2011 to 2016.

2. These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPIH divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category. A specific example of this is the item 'UK university tuition fees'. This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time courses.

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of CPIH which might benefit most from improved coverage, for example, where the current allocation of items is broadly comparable to index weight but variation in price changes appears relatively high, possibly reflecting the diversity of goods and services covered. As discussed later, this type of analysis has motivated some of the additions to the baskets in 2017. Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the baskets without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained.

Such analysis cannot tell us which items should be priced, and so choosing a particular set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement. Consumer price inflation commodity groupings are regularly reviewed with the aim that all significant items or distinct markets where consumers' expenditure exceeds around £400 million annually are explicitly represented in the baskets, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the baskets². Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good reason for their continuing inclusion in the baskets. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in the baskets to represent wider markets (musical instruments and electrical tools respectively) that would otherwise not be covered explicitly. Trends in expenditure, as well as the latest available figures, help to inform the decisions in all cases.

This focus on expenditures in determining the contents of the baskets partly reflects the data that are available describing household spending patterns. One major source of information comes from the diaries and questionnaires filled in by people taking part in the Living Costs and Food Survey, a continuous survey of around 5,000 households each year. This is supplemented by detailed analyses of trends presented by market research companies, trade journals and in press reports. Changes in the retail environment are also reported back by the price collectors, and together these various sources of information help to ensure that the goods and services that the average household spends its money on are appropriately represented in the inflation baskets.

It is very important to note that the contents of the baskets and, in particular, changes from one year to the next should not be given significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating consumer price changes. Changes to the baskets will reflect evolving consumer tastes but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, changes to the baskets will reflect a range of considerations such as practical experience in collecting prices, the desire to improve coverage in high spending areas, or analysis that suggests that estimated price changes could be improved at the margin by varying the number or type of representative items collected. Indeed, within each product grouping there is usually a point at which the exact number and choice of items and the precise weights attached to them become a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the consumer price indices. For example, a selection of specific household appliances has been chosen to represent spending on small electrical goods, including irons and kettles. However, other representations would clearly be possible and equally valid.

It should also be noted that the vast majority of the around 700 representative items remain unchanged in 2017. In total, 16 items have been added to the CPIH basket, 11 items have been removed and 8 items have been modified in a total of 713 items. The modifications usually relate to where items are priced and how many quotes are collected.

In summary, selection of representative items is based on a number of factors, including:

- ease of finding and pricing the product
- availability throughout the year
- amount spent on a particular item or the group of items
- variability of prices within a class
- analysis of balance across the basket

Notes for Selecting the representative items:

1. At the extreme, if price changes for all the possible items that could be selected in a particular group were identical each month, it would be necessary to select only one of the items for inclusion in the basket. Price changes for this one item would be perfectly representative of price changes for the group as a whole.
2. Under European regulations, items should be included in the CPI where estimated consumers' expenditure is 1 part per thousand or more of all expenditure covered by the CPI. Based on household final consumption data underpinning the calculation of the 2017 CPI weights, this is approaching £900 million.

5 . Changes to the baskets in 2017

Changes to the baskets of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2017 consumer price inflation statistics published on 21 March 2017. The baskets will be updated again around the same time next year.

Additions

New additions to the baskets in 2017 and those items removed are set out in [Tables 2 and 3](#), together with a brief summary of the motivation for these changes. As the tables make clear, these motivations are diverse. As in previous years, changes to the baskets in 2017 certainly should not be viewed as a simple indicator of those products or services whose popularity has either grown or fallen significantly over the past year. Most of the changes made this year affect all of the consumer price indices but 2 items have been added to CPIH which were already in the Retail Prices Index (RPI). These are council tax bills in Great Britain and rates in Northern Ireland. Historically they were excluded from the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) since they were considered to be direct taxes and outside its scope based on the European regulations which underpin that index. However, they are an important cost associated with the use of a dwelling and, following an open consultation of users, they are being included in CPIH.

A number of new items have been introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant or growing and existing items in the baskets may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. For example, non-dairy milk drinks have been added reflecting the distinct and growing market for “Free From” foods. The item is intended to capture price movements for milk-type drinks based on, for example, soya or almond. Similarly expenditure on flavoured water has been rising and the product has now been added to the mineral waters, soft drinks and juices part of the baskets.

In addition to introducing items to represent distinct sectors or markets, a number of items have been introduced to diversify the range of products collected for established groupings, usually where spending is significant. For example, gin has been added as expenditure has risen following a reported increase in the number of small distilleries over recent years. Its inclusion will help interpretation of the spirits section of the baskets where there is a high degree of price volatility due to periodic discounting. Half chocolate-coated biscuits and cough liquid have been included simply to expand our coverage of biscuits and pharmacy products respectively.

Analysis of the broad balance of the existing sample of representative items across CPIH and CPI highlighted a need to improve coverage of price changes for a number of classes. These areas include:

- other clothing and clothing accessories (3.1.3), where a cycle helmet has been added in part reflecting the growing popularity of cycling
- games, toys and hobbies (9.3.1), with a jigsaw introduced in particular to represent an adult-type hobby
- garments (3.1.2), with the addition of a base layer top, a type of clothing not currently covered but widely purchased

In each of these cases, the item has been added principally as part of the rebalancing of the baskets to improve their representation of overall price change with increased spending or product history only a secondary consideration used in selecting the specific product.

In other cases, the new items are direct replacements for similar products that leave the baskets in 2017. For example, off sales of bottled apple cider have been replaced by two items: canned apple cider and bottled flavoured cider. This reflects the emergence of flavoured cider over recent years and widens coverage to both traditional and new variants, and both bottles and cans. A second example is the introduction of a child's scooter to replace a child's swing. The number of price quotes collected for the swing has been falling reflecting its availability in shops particularly in the winter months and the change is an attempt to improve coverage of outdoor play equipment particularly in those winter months. This year, the confectionery and cigarette items have been reviewed as part of the ongoing updating of the baskets and in both cases there have been changes to the branded products priced each month. The changes reflect market share and an attempt to widen coverage across manufacturers.

It is important that the review of the baskets considers not just the list of items to be priced, but also where the prices are collected. Various household textiles, such as duvet covers and bath sheets, have been added to the price collections in major supermarkets reflecting the increased product range in these shops. Similarly certain toys (such as model vehicles and craft kits) which were already priced in some supermarkets have been added to the list of products collected in others.

As always, specific product descriptions are reviewed each year and updated as appropriate. One example this year is the dining table and chairs. These were already in the baskets but its composition and number of chairs has been widened so that for example kitchen tables and chairs can be priced, reflecting the rise in informal dining.

Removals

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items therefore have been removed from the baskets in 2017 to make space for the new additions. In some cases, this reflects low or decreasing expenditure, such as that on basic mobile phone handsets as people increasingly move towards smartphones and the number of models available in shops falls. It can also reflect anticipated market changes: for example, mentholated cigarettes (and others with distinguishable flavours) being banned from 2020. In other cases, removal does not necessarily imply that the markets for these goods and services are very small or are declining significantly.

Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the baskets within the same product grouping. For example, off sales of spirit based drinks have been replaced by gin which has been attracting increased expenditure.

In some cases a product will still remain represented in the baskets even if there is no longer an explicit item. For example, brake pads have been removed as a separate item from the local price collection conducted across the UK but they will continue to be priced as part of a smaller collection of "spare parts" prices conducted centrally over the internet. An apple cider on sales item has been replaced by a broader cider item which enables the collection of prices for pear and flavoured ciders.

Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain product groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Within these groupings, those items with relatively low index weights or those items which are variants of others have typically been chosen: examples include fees for stopping a cheque and a single drainer sink. In each case, it is judged that price changes for these items remain adequately represented by others that remain in the baskets.

Finally, collection issues can influence changes to the baskets. This year, a child's swing has been replaced by a scooter as the swing was increasingly difficult to find in shops particularly in the winter months.

6 . Other changes

A number of other changes are being introduced with the publication of the February index on 21 March 2017. Each of these is described in more detail in other articles but is summarised here.

CPIH

Following a [statement](#) by the National Statistician in November 2016, from 21 March 2017 we will expand the commentary on CPIH and put it first in the Consumer Price Inflation statistical bulletin. At that time, there is an opportunity to introduce improvements and revisions to the index to ensure that it is of the highest quality. The changes being made are a revision of the weights for imputed rents, which constitute the owner occupiers' housing element of CPIH, and the inclusion of council tax. [Impact of inclusion of council tax and revised imputed rents on CPIH](#), published on 13 December 2016, describes the background to the changes and presents an analysis of the estimated impact from them covering 2005 to 2015. An [update](#) of the analysis was subsequently published on 6 January 2017 which includes data up to September 2016.

COICOP5

An additional level of detail is being introduced in the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP) used in aggregating and analysing CPIH and Consumer Prices Index (CPI). This new level is known as COICOP5 and sits between the existing class (or COICOP4) level and item level. For example, an index is currently published for oils and fats which is based on price indices for 4 items: spreadable butter, block butter, margarine and olive oil. From March, this class will additionally be broken down into 3 COICOP5 headings: butter (based on the price indices for spreadable butter and block butter), margarine and olive oil.

Updating of CPIH and CPI weights

As mentioned earlier in the "Representative items" section of this article, the weights for CPIH and CPI are updated twice each year with the January and February indices. Historically the weights for classes and higher level aggregates were updated with the January index and the distribution of weights for the individual items within each class was updated with the February index. In future the weights for classes and higher level aggregates will be updated for a second time each year with the February index. This will bring the index mathematically into line with a single chain-linked index. The improvement is the result of an independent report and will also help us to better meet EU regulations. [Assessing the impact of methodological improvements on the Consumer Prices Index](#) published in 18 October 2016 describes these changes in more detail and analyses the impact of them.

Table 2: Additions to the baskets in 2017

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	New Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2103 Biscuits and Cakes	Half chocolate-coated biscuits	New item. Introduced to expand the coverage of biscuits and cakes.
1.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2117 Milk	Non-dairy milk drink	New item. This has been introduced to represent the “Free From” food sector which is a distinct and growing market. The item covers milk-type drinks based on, for example, soya or almond.
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Flavoured water	New item. Introduced as expenditure is rising and to widen the coverage in the Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices category.
2.1.1 Spirits	3104 Wines and Spirits Off Sales	Gin, bottle	Expenditure has risen and there has been an increase in the number of small distilleries over recent years. Gin replaces the spirit based drink item in the baskets.
2.1.2 Wine	3102 Beer Off Sales	Apple cider, 4 can pack	Together with the flavoured cider, canned apple cider replaces bottled cider reflecting the availability of the products in outlets.
2.1.2 Wine	3102 Beer Off Sales	Flavoured cider, bottle	This has been introduced due to an increase in expenditure and shelf space devoted to flavoured cider. The item could be apple or pear based but must be flavoured.
3.1.2 Garments	5104 Other Clothing	Men’s base layer top	New item. A type of clothing not currently covered but widely purchased. More broadly, garments is an under-covered area of the baskets.
3.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories	6203 Other Travel Costs	Cycle helmet	New item. This has been introduced principally to improve and diversify the coverage in an under-represented area of the baskets. It also reflects the growing popularity of cycling.
4.9.0 Council Tax	4103 Council Tax	Average council tax bills in Great Britain	Already included in the RPI and now added to CPIH as it is a cost associated with owning, maintaining and living in one’s own home. Its inclusion follows an open consultation of users.
4.9.0 Council Tax	4103 Council Tax	Average rates bills in Northern Ireland	Already included in the RPI and now added to CPIH as it is a cost associated with owning, maintaining and living in one’s own home. Its inclusion follows an open consultation of users.

6.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products	5202 Chemists' Goods	Cough liquid	New item added to diversify the range of pharmacy products in the baskets and represent a specific product not previously covered.
9.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies	6303 Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods	Child's scooter	Replaces the child's swing for which the number of price quotes collected each month has been falling reflecting its availability in shops particularly in the winter months. Scooters will represent children's outdoor play equipment throughout the year.
9.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies	6303 Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods	Jigsaw	New item. The jigsaw has been introduced to represent an adult-type hobby. This is an under-covered area of the baskets.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	3101 Beer On Sales	Cider	Replaces apple cider in order to additionally capture price movements for pear and flavoured ciders which have increased in popularity over recent years.

Table 3: Items removed from the baskets in 2017

(Note: 'low weighted' denotes an item with a CPI weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2016)

CPI/CPIH Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
2.1.1 Spirits	3104 Wines and Spirits Off Sales	Spirit based drink	Replaced by gin which has been attracting increased expenditure. On sales of spirit based drinks are still in the baskets.
2.1.2 Wine	3102 Beer Off Sales	Apple cider, bottle	Replaced by a combination of canned apple cider and bottled flavoured cider reflecting the availability of the various products in outlets.
2.2.0 Tobacco	3201 Cigarettes	Mentholated cigarettes	Removed. This item currently has low coverage and the EU Tobacco Products Directive 2014 will see distinguishable flavours including menthol banned from 2020.
5.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings	4301 Furniture	Single drainer sink	Removed. This class is well-covered and the product's removal enables items to be added elsewhere.
7.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories	6102 Maintenance of Motor Vehicles	Brake pads	Removed as a separate item from the price collection across the UK but will continue to be covered as part of a spare parts item for which prices are collected centrally over the internet. Spare parts and accessories is an over-covered part of the baskets.
8.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services	4303 Electrical Appliances	Mobile phone handset	Removed. The number of models available and expenditure are falling as people increasingly switch to smartphones.
9.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies	6303 Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods	Child's swing	Replaced by a child's scooter as the number of price quotes collected each month has been falling reflecting its availability in shops particularly in the winter months.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	3101 Beer On Sales	Apple cider	Replaced by a broader cider item which will enable prices of apple, pear and flavoured ciders to be collected.
12.6.2 Other Financial Services Not Elsewhere Classified	4402 Fees and Subscriptions	Fee for stopping a cheque	Removed. This is an over-covered part of the baskets and these fees have a low weight reflecting the fall in cheque usage.

ANNEX A: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, CPIH AND CPI: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2017

01.1 Food

01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Garlic bread	Flour
Rice	Pasta
Breakfast cereals	Various selected biscuits
Corn based snacks	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Crackers
Pack of individual cakes	Chilled pizza
Fruit pies	Dehydrated noodles/pasta
Cereal bars	Hot oat cereal

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
Leg	

Pork

Loin chops	Back bacon
Gammon	Oven-ready joint

Chicken

Fresh/chilled whole chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken

Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats – eg ham	Fresh turkey steaks
Canned meats	Frozen chicken nuggets
Chicken kiev	Liver
Continental deli type meat	Meat based snacks

01.1.3 Fish

Fresh white fish fillets	Fresh salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	Frozen breaded/battered white fish

01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk – shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	Non-dairy milk drink
Fresh cream	Yoghurt
Chilled pot dessert	Fromage frais
Various sized eggs	Cheddar – home-produced
Other regional cheeses	Edam
Parmesan	Soft continental cheese
Cheese spread	Powdered baby formula

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
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Block butter

Spreadable butter

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples

Dessert apples

Pears

Bananas

Strawberries

Grapes

Oranges

Grapefruit

Avocado pears

Peaches/nectarines

Kiwi fruit

Plums

Melon

Small oranges

Pineapple

Blueberries

Lemon

Fresh fruit snacking pot

Dried fruit

Various canned fruits

Salted/roasted peanuts

01.1.7 Vegetables

Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties

Crisps – single and multi-packs

Frozen chips

Peppers

Fresh tomatoes

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Carrots

Mushrooms

Onions

Lettuce

Cucumbers

Broccoli

Courgettes

Sweet potatoes

Pre-packed salad

Vegetable stir fry

Canned baked beans

Canned tomatoes

Canned sweetcorn

Frozen peas

Vegetarian burger/grills

Vegetable pickle

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar

Various jams

Honey

Ice cream

Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)

Soup

Ready cooked meals

Various sauces – eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise

Protein powder

01.2 Non-Alcoholic Beverages

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags

Ground coffee

Instant coffee

Coffee pods

Hot chocolate drink

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices

Squashes

Fruit drink

Fruit smoothie

Mineral water

Flavoured water

Lemonade

Cola

Various fizzy drinks

Mixer drinks

Energy drinks

02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky
Brandy
Gin

Vodka
Rum
Cream liqueur

02.1.2 Wine

White wine
Rose wine
Sparkling wine
Bottled flavoured cider

Red wine
Fortified wine
Champagne
Canned apple cider

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager
Bottled lager
Bottled speciality beer/ale

Canned bitter
Canned stout

02.2 Tobacco

Selected brand cigarettes
Cigars

Hand rolling tobacco
Electronic cigarette refills/liquid

03.1 Clothing

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Suit
Trousers – formal, casual
Jumper
Various shirts
Tracksuit bottom
Shorts
Underwear
Men's base layer top

Coat
Casual jacket
Jeans
T shirt
Branded sports sweatshirt
Replica football team shirt
Socks

Women's Clothing

Blouse
Dress
Jeans
Top
Cardigan
Coat
Rainwear
Underwear
Nightwear

Skirt – formal, casual
Trousers – formal, casual
Leggings
T shirt
Jumper
Jacket – formal, casual
Shorts
Swimwear
Tights

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt
Jumper/sweatshirt
Jeans
Underwear
Pyjamas
Babygro/sleepsuit

Fashion top
T shirt
Trousers
Jacket
Socks

03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories

Man's tie
Lady's scarf

Knitting wool
Cycle helmet

03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing

Dry-cleaning

Men's clothing hire

Outdoor furniture – patio set

05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets

Laminate floor covering

Rug

05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains

Fabric roller blind

Duvet

Duvet cover

Bed sheet

Towels

05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs

05.3.1/2 Major Appliances and Small Electric Appliances

Cooker – electric

Cooker – gas

Fridge/freezer

Dishwasher

Vacuum cleaner

Washing machine

Gas Fire

Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan

05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges

Washing machine repair

05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

Kitchen equipment – eg pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware – eg crockery set, cutlery set

Glassware – eg tumbler

Flower vase

05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

Battery

Light bulb

Lawnmower

Garden spade

Power drill

Screwdriver

Door handle

Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

05.6 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing powder

Fabric conditioner

Washing-up liquid

Dishwasher tablets

Kitchen roll

Aluminium foil

Household cleaner cream/liquid

Bleach

Bin liners

Clear sticky tape

Woodscrews

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic cleaner fees

Window cleaning fees

Nanny fees

06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges

Multi-vitamins tablets

Selected medicines – eg indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, allergy tablets, cough liquid

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms

Plasters

Spectacle frames with lens

Contact lenses

06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges

Private dental examination

06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing home fees

07.1 Purchase of Vehicles

07.1.1a New Cars

New cars

07.1.1b Second Hand Cars

Second hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

Motorcycles

Bicycles

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

Car service

Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Car wash

Roadside recovery services

Exhaust/brake fitting at fast fit auto centre

07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees

Car park charges

Driving lesson fees

Driving test fees

Road tolls

Self-drive car and van hire charges

Vehicle excise duty

07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

UK rail fares

London transport fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Other underground/metro fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares

Minicab fares

Coach fares

Taxi fares

Charge for home removals

07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air

Air fares

07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway
Various ferry and sea fares

08.1 Postal Services

Postal charges

08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services

Telephone	Smartphone handset
Fixed line telephone charges	Mobile phone charges
Cost of directory enquiries	Mobile phone applications
Subscription to the internet	Mobile phone accessory
Bundled communication services	

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

Flat panel televisions	DVD player
Blu-ray disc player	Digital television recorder/receiver
Digital (DAB) radio	Audio systems
Personal MP4 player	Headphones

09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Digital camcorder	

09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs – desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
Tablet computer	Computer software

09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Music downloads
Portable digital storage device	

09.1.5 Repair of Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg PC

09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture

09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation including Musical Instruments

Caravans	Boats
Acoustic guitar	Livery charges
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	

09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets

09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies

Various toys - eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Child's scooter	Child's tricycle
Board game	Craft kit
Jigsaw	
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	
Computer games console	Computer game downloads

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open Air Recreation

Sports equipment - eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots
Sleeping bag Barbecue

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet

Compost Plant food
Flower delivery

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food – moist and dry Wild bird seed
Small pet – eg hamster Animal cage
Dog kennel boarding fees Annual booster injection

09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services

09.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services

Fees for leisure evening classes Private health club/gym membership
Charges for exercise classes Swimming pool admissions
Ten-pin bowling session Golf green fees
Football match admissions Horseracing admissions
Admission to other attractions Games consoles online subscriptions

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services
Digital TV subscriptions Rental of various types of TV
Television licence Digital photo processing
Music streaming subscriptions
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, historic monuments and other cultural events

09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery

09.5.1 Books

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books
Reference books eBooks

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers Periodicals

09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ball point pen Envelopes
Wrapping paper Greeting card
Printer paper Inkjet cartridge

09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays
UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types but excluding self-catering

10.0 Education

Private school fees Evening classes
International student fees UK university tuition fees

11.1 Catering Services

11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

Restaurants	
Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meals
Burger in bun – eat in	In store cafeteria meal
Muffin	
Take-Aways and Snacks	
Fish and chips	Pasty/savoury pie
Burger in bun	Kebab
Chicken and chips	Ethnic take-away
Pizza delivery/take-away	Sandwich
Cinema popcorn	Crisps
Tea	Coffee latte
Soft drink	Vending machine fizzy drink
Beer On Sales	
Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught/bottled cider
Bottled lager	
Wines and Spirits On Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Spirit based drink
Liqueurs	Mixer
Soft drinks	
Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	
Catering	
Cost of catering for a function	On board catering
11.1.2 Canteens	
Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant soft drink
School meals	

11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association	Halls of residence
Other accommodation services	

12.1 Personal Care

12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments

Hairdressing fees	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	Slimming club fees

12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Electrical hair straighteners/tongs	Electric razor
Toilet roll	Tissues
Disposable nappies	Toothbrush
Tampons	Baby wipes
Various cosmetics – eg face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish	
Toiletries - eg toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap	

12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere classified)

12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches

Watch	Watch battery replacement
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Various items of personal jewellery - eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace

12.3.2 Other Personal Effects

Umbrella	Handbag
Luggage – trolley case	Picture/photo frame
Push chair	

12.4 Social Protection

Residential home fees	In home care assistants' fees
Local authority supported residents in retirement homes	
Childminder fees	Nursery fees
Playgroup fees	

12.5 Insurance

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums	Household services maintenance policy
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12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance	Pet insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance	Holiday insurance
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12.6 Financial Services (not elsewhere classified)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services

Mortgage arrangement fees	Various bank charges – eg overdraft fees
Unit trust fees and commissions	Stockbrokers' fees
Money transfer fees	Credit card fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere classified)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers	
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting fee	
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Home delivery charges	Self-storage fees
Surveyors' fee for house valuation	Dating agency fees
Trade union and professional organization subscriptions	

ANNEX B: RETAIL PRICES INDEX (RPI): REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2017

Food

Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Bread rolls
Large wholemeal loaf	Garlic bread

Cereals

Flour	Rice
Pasta	Breakfast cereals
Corn based snacks	Cereal bars
Hot oat cereal	

Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Pack of individual cakes
Fruit pies	Crackers

Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen beefburgers

Home-Killed Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
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Imported Lamb

Leg

Pork

Loin chops

Bacon

Gammon	Back
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Poultry

Fresh/chilled chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Fresh turkey steaks
Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken	

Other Meat

Pork sausages	Cooked meats – eg ham
Meat pies	Canned meats
Frozen chicken nuggets	Chicken kiev
Oven-ready joint	Continental deli type meat
Liver	Meat based snacks

Fresh Fish

White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Frozen prawns	

Processed Fish

Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen breaded/battered white fish	

Butter

Block butter	Spreadable butter
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Oils and Fats

Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
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Cheese	
Cheddar - home-produced	Other regional cheeses
Edam	Parmesan
Soft continental cheese	Cheese spread
Eggs	
Various sized eggs	
Milk	
Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	Non-dairy milk drink
Milk Products	
Fresh cream	Yoghurt
Chilled pot dessert	Fromage frais
Powdered baby formula	
Tea	
Tea bags	
Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink
Soft Drinks	
Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Flavoured water
Lemonade	Cola
Various fizzy drinks	Mixer drinks
Energy drinks	
Sugar and Preserves	
Sugar	Various jams
Honey	
Sweets and Chocolates	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	
Unprocessed Potatoes	
Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties	
Potato Products	
Crisps - single and multi-packs	
Frozen chips	
Fresh Vegetables	
Fresh tomatoes	Cabbage
Cauliflower	Carrots
Mushrooms	Onions
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Courgettes	Sweet potatoes
Broccoli	Peppers
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry
Processed Vegetables	
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas

Fresh Fruit

Cooking apples
Pears
Strawberries
Oranges
Avocado pears
Kiwi fruit
Small oranges
Pineapple
Fresh fruit snacking pot

Dessert apples
Bananas
Grapes
Grapefruit
Peaches/nectarines
Lemon
Plums
Blueberries
Melon

Processed Fruit

Various canned fruits
Dried fruit

Salted/roasted peanuts

Other Foods

Soup
Various sauces – eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, pickle
Other convenience foods – eg chilled pizzas, dehydrated noodles/pasta
Ice cream

Ready cooked meals
Protein powder

Catering

Restaurant Meals

Restaurant main course
Restaurant cup of coffee
In store cafeteria meal
Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water
Muffin

Restaurant sweet course
Pub hot meal
Burger in bun
Fizzy drinks
On board catering

Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course
Staff restaurant hot snack
School meals

Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant soft drink

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips
Burger in bun
Chicken and chips
Pizza delivery/take-away
Cinema popcorn
Tea
Soft drink

Pasty/savoury pie
Kebab
Ethnic take-away
Sandwich
Crisps
Coffee latte
Vending machine drink

Alcoholic Drink

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter
Draught stout
Bottled lager

Draught lager
Draught/bottled cider

Beer Off Sales

Canned lager
Bottled lager
Bottled flavoured cider
Bottled speciality beer/ale

Canned bitter
Canned stout
Canned apple cider

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky
Wine
Liqueurs

Vodka
Spirit based drink
Mixer

Wines and Spirits Off Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Rum
Gin	Cream liqueur
White wine	Red wine
Rose wine	Fortified wine
Sparkling wine	Champagne

Tobacco

Cigarettes	
Selected brands	Electronic cigarette refills/liquids

Other Tobacco	
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco

Housing

Rent	
Private furnished and unfurnished rent	Local authority rent
Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent	

Mortgage Interest
Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)

Depreciation
Depreciation costs proxy (smoothed house price index)

Council Tax
Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain
Average rates bills in Northern Ireland

Water and Other Charges
Average water charges
Average sewerage and environmental charges

Repairs and Maintenance Charges
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

DIY Materials	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Varnish	Paint - gloss/emulsion
Paint brush	Woodscrews
Power drill	Screwdriver
Ceramic tiles	Shower head
Softwood	Medium density fibreboard(MDF)
Door handle	Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent
Dwelling insurance premiums
Ground rent proxy (smoothed house price index)

Fuel and Light

Coal and Solid Fuels	
Coal	Smokeless fuel

Electricity
Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

Gas
Average of the gas companies' tariffs

Oil and Other Fuels
Butane gas

Kerosene

Household Goods

Furniture

Dining furniture – eg table, chairs
Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, chest of drawers
Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp
Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units
Office furniture – home office desk
Outdoor furniture – patio set

Furnishings

Selected carpets
Laminate floor covering
Curtains
Duvet cover
Towels

Rug
Fabric roller blind
Duvet
Bed sheet

Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric
Fridge/freezer
Vacuum cleaner
Smartphone handset
Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan
Personal appliances – eg electric razor, electric hair straighteners/tongs

Washing machine
Dishwasher
Telephone

Other Household Equipment

Cooker - gas
Kitchen equipment - eg pans, scissors, plastic food container
Tableware - eg crockery set, cutlery set
Glassware - eg tumbler

Gas fire

Household Consumables

Washing powder
Washing-up liquid
Kitchen roll
Toilet roll
Household cleaner cream/liquid
Light bulb
Ball point pen
Envelopes
Printer paper
Clear sticky tape

Fabric conditioner
Dishwasher tablets
Aluminium foil
Bin liners
Bleach
Battery
Wrapping paper
Greeting card
Inkjet cartridge

Pet Care

Cat and dog food – moist and dry
Small pet – eg hamster
Dog kennel boarding fees

Wild bird seed
Animal cage
Annual booster injection

Household Services

Postal Charges

Charges for letters, parcels, postal orders

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges
Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the internet

Mobile phone charges
Mobile phone applications
Bundled communication services

Domestic Services

Domestic cleaner fees	In home care assistants' fees
Childminder fees	Nanny fees
Playgroup fees	Window cleaning fees
Dry-cleaning charges	Driving lesson fees
Home delivery charges	Charge for home removals
Self-storage fees	Electrical service charges
Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg washing machine, PC	Watch battery replacement
Cost of catering for a function	
Men's clothing hire	

Fees and Subscriptions

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions	
Estate agents' fees	
House conveyancing fees	Surveyors' fee for house valuation
Charge for home buyers' survey	Home contents insurance premiums
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Various bank charges - eg overdraft fees
Money transfer fees	Driving test fees
Private school fees	UK university tuition fees
Evening classes	Solicitors' fees – including will drafting
Dating agency fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Pet insurance	Nursery fees
Mortgage arrangement fees	Credit card fees
Charges for advertisements in newspapers	Household services maintenance policy

Clothing and Footwear

Men's Outerwear

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirt
Tracksuit bottom	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt

Women's Outerwear

Blouse	Skirt - formal, casual
Dress	Trousers - formal, casual
Jeans	Leggings
Top	T shirt
Cardigan	Jumper
Coat	Jacket - formal, casual
Rainwear	Shorts
Swimwear	

Children's Outerwear

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt	T shirt
Jacket	Babygro/sleepsuit
Trousers	Jeans

Other Clothing

Underwear – eg pants and bra	Men's base layer top
Tights	Socks
Nightwear – eg nightdress/pyjamas	Knitting wool
Man's tie	Lady's scarf

Footwear

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion
Boots – formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot

Training shoes

Sandals

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles

Umbrella

Watch

Contact lenses

Flower vase

Wall hanging mirror

Various items of personal jewellery – eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace

Handbag

Spectacle frames with lens

Luggage – trolley case

Picture/photo frame

Mobile phone accessory

Chemists' Goods

NHS prescription charges

Condoms

Disposable nappies

Baby wipes

Selected medicines and surgical goods - eg indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, plasters, allergy tablets, cough liquid

Toiletries - eg toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap

Various cosmetics - eg face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish

Multi-vitamins tablets

Tampons

Tissues

Toothbrush

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges

Basic manicure

Private dental examination

Subscriptions to private medical plans

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

Residential and nursing home fees

Flower delivery

Full leg wax

NHS dental charges

Dental insurance

Private surgery fees

Slimming club fees

Motoring Expenditure

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Second hand cars

Motorcycles

New cars

Caravans

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Car service

Roadside recovery services

Exhaust/brake fitting at fast fit auto centre

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs

MOT test fees

Car wash

Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol

Motor oil

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty

Vehicle insurance

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares

UK rail fares

Euro Tunnel fares

London transport fares

Other underground/metro fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares

Coach fares

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares

Minicab fares

Self-drive car and van hire charges	Various ferry and sea fares
Air fares	Road tolls
Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats	Car park charges
Push chair	Cycle helmet

Leisure Goods

Audio-Visual Equipment

Flat panel televisions	DVD player
Blu-ray disc player	Digital television recorder/receiver
Digital (DAB) radio	Audio systems
Personal MP4 player	Headphones
PC peripherals	PCs – desktop and laptop
Tablet computer	

CDs and Tapes

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Computer software
Music downloads	

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	
Board game	Jigsaw
Computer game downloads	Computer games console
Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Digital camcorder	Digital photo processing
Portable digital storage device	Child's scooter
Child's tricycle	Acoustic guitar
Barbecue	Sleeping bag
Craft kit	
Sports equipment – eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots	
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	

Books and Newspapers

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books	
Reference books	eBooks
National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	Periodicals

Gardening Products

Compost	Plant food
Lawnmower	Garden spade
Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet	

Leisure Services

TV Licences and Rentals

Television licence fees	Rental of various types of TV
Digital TV subscriptions	DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Entertainment and Other Recreation

Fees for leisure evening classes	Charges for exercise classes
Private health club/gym membership	Livery charges
Ten-pin bowling session	Golf green fees
Games consoles online subscription services	Music streaming subscriptions
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, horse racing, historic monuments, swimming pools and other attractions	

Foreign Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types,
including late-booked holidays
Holiday insurance

UK Holidays

Youth Hostel Association
UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types