## The Consumer \& The Regulatory Environment

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- Market Pricing (Motor)
- Changes In The Market
- Ogden
- MFN clauses
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- Future Horizon Scanning


## Market Pricing



## New Business Motor Pricing

## Long term view

Over the longer term, average premiums have increased $28.6 \%$ since October 2013, when Consumer Intelligence first started collecting data.
"In the past few years, we have seen increased claim costs, Insurance Premium Tax hikes, increased fraud, new - and more expensive - technology fitted to vehicles and the huge impact of the Ogden reforms," says Blevins.

However, there has been a noticeable downward trend following the high-water mark of September 2017. It is the first time since our records began that prices have fallen for five consecutive months.


Prices continue to drop another c. 3 \% since Feb

## By Age

## Age differences

Average premiums for drivers aged under 25 are now $£ 1,612$, which is $0.6 \%$ cheaper than 12 months ago. Changes to the Insurance Premium Tax and Ogden rate over the past couple of years have seen the under-25 demographic disproportionately affected by government policy.

But an increasing uptake of telematic products - 'black box' technology which monitors driving style and rewards safe driving - is helping insurers to cut prices within this age bracket

Drivers aged $25-50$ saw an $8.5 \%$ rise over the same period, while the over-50s cohort witnessed a $9.7 \%$ escalation - the largest of the three groups. The average premium paid for motor insurance by the over- 50 s is now $£ 404$.

Rate changes by age $\quad$-25 $\underbrace{25-49}$ ■ $50+$


Black box' technology is helping insurers to cut prices for the under-25 demographic.

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## Telematics

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Telematic-based motor insurance policies continue to dominate the market for younger drivers, returning 59\% of the top five cheapest quotes for the under-25s. This is $6 \%$ more than the same period 12 months ago and $26 \%$ higher since records began in October 2013.

The technology is increasingly being installed in older drivers' cars, too. Around 15\% of the cheapest quotes provided to drivers aged $25-50$ are now from telematic brands - a jump of $2 \%$ in the last month. For those aged 50 plus, just $4 \%$ of the cheapest quotes on the market are provided by telematic firms.




## Renewal Pricing



Mirroring NB pricing at an overall level

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## What is this all doing to Consumer Behaviour?

- Both Motor Shopping and Switching rates are now in decline
- At the moment shop around rates are starting to fall from around $84 \%$ to $82 \%$ from the first part of this year compared to the same time previous
- Switching is also starting to reduce compared to the same period last year from $49 \%$ down to $47 \%$
- After shopping around the main reasons consumers don't switch are
- Insurer offering a lower premium or matching the best quote found
- Couldn't get a cheaper quote coming up as the $2^{\text {nd }}$ most common response.


## Changes In The Market



## Ogden In Retrospect

- Rating volatility was the defining characteristic of the motor market in 2017. While premiums shifted no more than $3.5 \%$ in any month overall, we saw huge variance between brands, particularly in the second half of the year


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## Ogden

- 7 of the most competitive 10 brands have remained the same. Privilege accounted for around $6.4 \%$ of rank one positions - a $2.1 \%$ jump from $4.3 \%$ in 2017
- As a group, the top 10 account for a smaller share of top rankings ( $45 \%$ vs. $51 \%$ ) suggesting the marketed became more competitive overall.
- There is also much less daylight between the top 10 , with the gap between first and tenth place falling sharply from $6.6 \%$ to $3.6 \%$.
- Emergence of new player \& telematics.
- Smart Driver Club, with a $2.7 \%$ share of top rankings, appears in 10th place on our list.
- We see 2 other telematics brands in the top 10.
$-\quad$ WiseDriving (7th, 3.7\%) and
$-\quad$ Admiral LittleBox (9th, 3.5\%).
- Telematics products however made up fewer ranks year on year declining from $13 \%$ to $11 \%$.

Rank One Positions on PCWs - Whole of Market


## Ogden - Younger Ages

Rank One Positions on PCWs - Ages 17-24


- We see similar, but more pronounced impact at the demographic level. For those aged between 17 and 24, 8 of the top 10 brands are the same, with WiseDriving remaining in first place.
- As with the overall market, we see a far tighter spread between the largest brands, with less than $3.5 \%$ separating the top 10, compared to over $10 \%$ at the beginning of 2017.
- The overall contribution of the top 10 to total rank ones has fallen slightly from $59 \%$ to $57 \%$, while the top 7 are all telematics players.
- Smart Driver Club does not appear here, however, because it targets a slightly higher age group.
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## Ogden - Over 60s

## Rank One - Over 60s



- 6 of the top 10 brands (and 3 of the top 4 ) are the same compared to the same period in 2017, while the gap between first place and tenth has almost halved from $12 \%$ to $6.5 \%$, ensuring a tight spread.
- Esure, which at the time reported a $25 \%$ rise in premium - and $36 \%$ jump in profit - as a result of expanding its motor footprint, remained the most competitive brand in the segment
- We also noted the resurgence of Saga, while Privilege maintains its strong position.
- Ogden may have caused enormous and cascading ripples in terms of rating action, but a year on the field was and is more tightly packed than ever.
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## Most Favoured Nation Clauses

- No surprise that consumers are not aware of this
- We have observed change in pricing strategies across different channels inline with the rulings
- In terms of shopping around before the MFN rulings the number of PCWS consumers used was on average 2 and is now on average 2
- This average can be misleading as we see a split between the numbers of people who just use 1 PCW and those that use $3+$
- As a result no change in behavior seen


## Pricing Transparency post $1^{\text {st }}$ April 2017

- Modest uptick in shop around at renewal at the time of the change increasing by $1 \%$ to $85 \%$. For homeowners, the rise was a steeper 3\% to 78\%
- This included customers who had been with their previous insurer for a longer period. This group, which the regulator particularly thought needed an extra prompt, still shopped around far less than average, but they moved in the right direction.
- In motor $71 \%$ of customers who had been with their insurer for four years or over shopping around after 1 April, compared to 67 \% before.
- The incumbents are did a good job of fighting back and hanging onto the customers who do shop around.
- In both cases, a slightly higher proportion of those who stayed reported that they had been offered a better price. Indeed, offering a better price to customers who went to the effort to shop around helped $46 \%$ of motor brands to hold onto customers they were at risk at losing.
- In other words, there are better deals for loyal customers - they just have to threaten to walk first.
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## Horizon Scanning



## Looking towards the future

- Horizon scanning is a proven methodology for spotting, interpreting and analysing emerging trends over a 1-5 year time horizon
- It's also a framework for identifying potential innovation opportunities and emerging risks



## Some key trends we see impacting the consumer and the regulatory environment

- Personalisation
- People increasingly want products and services customised to their individual requirements.
- Risk pricing: a price based on someone who looks similar to "me" will no longer be sophisticated enough to win business.
- Product: levels and types of cover will increasingly need to reflect what
 a person wants to insure, rather than what they don't
- Communication: communication (through whatever channel) will need to be individual and personalised at every interaction


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- The 'race to insure only the insurable'
- Increasing amounts of data allow Insurers to better assess a customer's risk profile
- This could lead to a higher risk individuals facing increasingly expensive premiums or the choice of fewer providers
- This results in trend where the perceived 'good risks' receive more
 choice and more competition, whereas the perceived 'poor risks' become increasingly unable to afford insurance
- As a result the Regulator intervenes to ensure access to insurance for all
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- Micro / 'on demand’ insurance
- Connected with the sharing economy, on-demand insurance allows consumers to pay for just what they need when they need it for 'micro' policies that last a fraction of a traditional policy's duration.
- The focus is on 'ease of use' and making the consumer experience frictionless
- Insurance could become embedded in product rental / hire process

- This creates a risk that consumers are not aware of the level of cover or how to access it when required


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## Thank You For Listening


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