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Just a short note to highlight some rather expensive lines and that price concessions seem to be getting out of hand (again)...

I don't doubt there is a self-reinforcing circle whereby rarely used lines have to cover their costs and therefore become more expensive as use decreases but I was just struck by a few e.g. chloramphenicol ear drops - £75-£85, the former Diconal tablets are almost £9 each and despite being off-patent, fluticasone CFC-free inhalers are up 20-80% so 50,125 and 250mcg are now £6.53, £21.26 and £36.14 respectively and a 150ml bottle of oxybutynin 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free is now over £235.

The rest of this publication is passed over the 79 lines that are price concessions for January, the multiples of which make depressing reading. This has been a worsening trend for some time now. Will that continue this month?

DT Description	DT Price	Concession Price	Percentage increase above DT price
Allopurinol 100mg tablets (28)	97	170	75.30%
Allopurinol 300mg tablets (28)	231	368	59.30%
Amiloride 5mg tablets (28)	260	1020	292.30%
Brimonidine 0.2% eye drops (5ml)	255	303	18.80%
Bumetanide 1mg tablets (28)	115	195	69.60%
Candesartan 16mg tablets (28)	81	422	421.00%
Candesartan 8mg tablets (28)	77	457	493.50%
Carvedilol 25mg tablets (28)	97	138	42.30%
Carvedilol 3.125mg tablets (28)	77	86	11.70%
Carvedilol 6.25mg tablets (28)	81	90	11.10%
Citalopram 40mg/ml oral drops sugar free (15ml)	358	1046	192.20%
Clomipramine 10mg capsules (28)	129	195	51.20%
Clomipramine 50mg capsules (28)	169	412	143.80%
Co-careldopa 25mg/100mg tablets (100)	675	1069	58.40%
Diamorphine 10mg powder for solution for injection ampoules (5)	1450	1656	14.20%
Diamorphine 30mg powder for solution for injection ampoules (5)	1119	1652	47.60%
Dosulepin 25mg capsules (28)	93	300	222.60%
Dosulepin 75mg tablets (28)	113	1100	873.50%
Fluoxetine 20mg capsules (30)	80	105	31.30%
Furosemide 20mg tablets (28)	54	125	131.50%
Furosemide 40mg tablets (28)	55	221	301.80%
Glimepiride 4mg tablets (30)	256	352	37.50%
Glyceryl trinitrate 400micrograms/dose pump sublingual spray (200dose)	168	215	28.00%
Hydroxocobalamin 1mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules (5)	837	970	15.90%
Ibandronic acid 50mg tablets (28)	722	5422	651.00%
Irbesartan 150mg tablets (28)	193	319	65.30%
Irbesartan 300mg tablets (28)	287	358	24.70%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml eye drops (2.5ml)	589	795	35.00%
Lercanidipine 10mg tablets (28)	261	278	6.50%
Lercanidipine 20mg tablets (28)	339	498	46.90%
Levetiracetam 100mg/ml oral solution sugar free (300ml)	778	1750	124.90%
Lofepramine 70mg tablets (56)	830	1720	107.20%
Losartan 100mg tablets (28)	106	695	555.70%

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Losartan 25mg tablets (28)	67	527	686.60%
Losartan 50mg tablets (28)	82	450	448.80%
Mefenamic acid 500mg tablets (28)	2472	3042	23.10%
Metoprolol 50mg tablets (28)	82	278	239.00%
Metronidazole 200mg tablets (21)	170	270	58.80%
Metronidazole 400mg tablets (21)	518	923	78.20%
Naproxen 250mg gastro-resistant tablets (56)	199	952	378.40%
Naproxen 250mg tablets (28)	89	630	607.90%
Naproxen 500mg gastro-resistant tablets (56)	416	1801	332.90%
Naproxen 500mg tablets (28)	138	1260	813.00%
Nebivolol 2.5mg tablets (28)	1138	1585	39.30%
Nebivolol 5mg tablets (28)	102	493	383.30%
Nortriptyline 10mg tablets (100)	287	800	178.70%
Nortriptyline 25mg tablets (100)	366	1002	173.80%
Ondansetron 4mg tablets (10)	85	878	932.90%
Orlistat 120mg capsules (84)	2092	2640	26.20%
Perindopril erbumine 8mg tablets (30)	224	310	38.40%
Propranolol 80mg tablets (56)	210	230	9.50%
Quetiapine 100mg tablets (60)	509	980	92.50%
Quetiapine 150mg tablets (60)	564	660	17.00%
Quetiapine 200mg tablets (60)	546	2577	372.00%
Quetiapine 25mg tablets (60)	167	450	169.50%
Quetiapine 300mg tablets (60)	639	1300	103.40%
Ramipril 10mg tablets (28)	263	449	70.70%
Ramipril 2.5mg tablets (28)	263	415	57.80%
Ramipril 5mg tablets (28)	292	415	42.10%
Risperidone 1mg tablets (20)	90	469	421.10%
Risperidone 2mg tablets (60)	137	2100	1432.80%
Risperidone 3mg tablets (60)	161	2495	1449.70%
Risperidone 4mg tablets (60)	1386	3188	130.00%
Risperidone 500microgram tablets (20)	110	272	147.30%
Sevelamer 800mg tablets (180)	2728	11101	306.90%
Sodium valproate 200mg gastro-resistant tablets (100)	581	625	7.60%
Sodium valproate 200mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (300ml)	629	700	11.30%
Sodium valproate 500mg gastro-resistant tablets (100)	1175	1750	48.90%
Tadalafil 5mg tablets (28)	1290	2371	83.80%
Telmisartan 20mg tablets (28)	111	380	242.30%
Telmisartan 40mg tablets (28)	106	694	554.70%
Telmisartan 80mg tablets (28)	143	830	480.40%
Temazepam 10mg tablets (28)	113	146	29.20%
Topiramate 100mg tablets (60)	1388	2096	51.00%
Topiramate 50mg tablets (60)	906	1150	26.90%
Valsartan 160mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	291	417	43.30%

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Valsartan 160mg capsules (28)	614	953	55.20%
Valsartan 40mg capsules (28)	331	449	35.60%
Valsartan 80mg capsules (28)	468	725	54.90%