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Following some feedback, I am amending the style of this publication to a more simple summary of the price changes and fewer words. In trying this format, I have included some lines not previously commented on but have not necessarily included all strengths of each drug, only those I think have greater use, or to illustrate inconsistent price / strength comparisons.

Overall Category M prices have been reduced to achieve a £10 million per month reduction. [e.g. <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/april-2014-category-m-prices-published/>]

Other headlines:

Telmisartan moves into Category M with price reductions in excess of 80%. Amiloride 5mg tablets are the quarter's biggest riser, nearly quadrupling in price from 1.09 to 4.16. On the other hand, both strengths of sertraline fall to around £2 [50mg] and £3 [100mg] per 28 tablets.

### Gastro-intestinal system (BNF Chapter 1)

<i>DT Description</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Price change</i>	<i>Percentage change</i>
<b>BNF 1.3</b>				
Esomeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	370	M	-112	-23.4%
Esomeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	458	M	-85	-15.7%
Lansoprazole 15mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	111	M	-9	-7.5%
Lansoprazole 15mg orodispersible tablets (28)	309	A	14	4.8%
Lansoprazole 30mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	147	M	-14	-8.7%
Lansoprazole 30mg orodispersible tablets (28)	508	A	-26	-4.9%
Omeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	115	M	-12	-9.5%
Omeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	785	A	-12	-1.5%
Omeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	115	M	-11	-8.7%
Omeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	546	M	-76	-12.0%
Omeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant capsules (7)	112	M	-10	-8.20%
Omeprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (7)	490	M	280	133.3%
Pantoprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	108	M	-12	-10.0%
Pantoprazole 40mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	139	M	-21	-13.1%
Rabeprazole 10mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	195	M	-33	-14.5%
Rabeprazole 20mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	251	M	-53	-17.4%
Ranitidine 150mg effervescent tablets (60)	2389	A	161	7.2%
Ranitidine 150mg tablets (60)	127	M	-69	-35.2%
Ranitidine 300mg effervescent tablets (30)	2389	A	161	7.2%
Ranitidine 300mg tablets (30)	209	M	46	28.2%

Ranitidine 75mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (300ml)	725	M	-54	-6.9%
<b>BNF 1.6</b>				
Senna 7.5mg tablets (60)	1170	M	-94	-7.4%

### Cardiovascular system (BNF Chapter 2)

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>2.2</b>				
Bendroflumethiazide 2.5mg tablets (28)	88	M	6	7.3%
Bendroflumethiazide 5mg tablets (28)	81	M	-7	-8.0%
Bumetanide 1mg tablets (28)	117	M	-12	-9.3%
Bumetanide 5mg tablets (28)	683	A	3	0.4%
Furosemide 40mg tablets (28)	78	M	-4	-4.9%
Indapamide 2.5mg tablets (28)	307	M	-81	-20.9%
<b>2.4</b>				
Atenolol 50mg tablets (28)	103	M	8	8.4%
Atenolol 100mg tablets (28)	109	M	-3	-2.7%
Bisoprolol 5mg tablets (28)	90	M	-8	-8.2%
Bisoprolol 10mg tablets (28)	97	M	-9	-8.5%
Carvedilol 12.5mg tablets (28)	123	M	-14	-10.2%
Carvedilol 25mg tablets (28)	94	M	-61	-39.4%
<b>2.5.4</b>				
Doxazosin 4mg tablets (28)	103	M	-6	-5.5%
<b>2.5.5</b>				
Enalapril 10mg tablets (28)	97	M	-10	-9.4%
Enalapril 20mg tablets (28)	104	M	-6	-5.5%
Lisinopril 10mg tablets (28)	98	M	-13	-11.7%
Lisinopril 20mg tablets (28)	104	M	-11	-9.6%
Perindopril erbumine 2mg tablets (30)	128	M	-15	-10.5%
Perindopril erbumine 4mg tablets (30)	132	M	-19	-12.6%
Perindopril erbumine 8mg tablets (30)	143	M	-22	-13.3%
Ramipril 5mg capsules (28)	112	M	-10	-8.2%
Ramipril 5mg tablets (28)	114	M	-14	-10.9%
Ramipril 10mg capsules (28)	119	M	-11	-8.5%
Ramipril 10mg tablets (28)	134	M	-11	-7.6%
Candesartan 4mg tablets (7)	84	M	-5	-5.6%
Candesartan 8mg tablets (28)	162	M	-10	-5.8%
Irbesartan 75mg tablets (28)	134	M	-11	-7.6%
Irbesartan 150mg tablets (28)	157	M	-10	-6.0%
Irbesartan 300mg tablets (28)	223	M	-6	-2.6%
Irbesartan 300mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	1434	A	36	2.6%
Irbesartan 300mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	1434	A	36	2.6%
Losartan 25mg tablets (28)	111	M	-7	-5.9%

Losartan 50mg tablets (28)	112	M	-9	-7.4%
Losartan 100mg tablets (28)	127	M	-10	-7.3%
Losartan 50mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	153	M	-13	-7.8%
Losartan 100mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	1603	A	2	0.1%
Losartan 100mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	174	M	-27	-13.4%
Telmisartan 20mg tablets (28)	185	C to M	-925	-83.3%
Telmisartan 40mg tablets (28)	213	C to M	-1148	-84.4%
Telmisartan 80mg tablets (28)	248	C to M	-1452	-85.4%
Valsartan 160mg capsules (28)	237	M	-21	-8.1%
Valsartan 320mg tablets (28)	906	A	-127	-12.3%
Valsartan 160mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5mg tablets (28)	254	M	-15	-5.6%
Valsartan 160mg / Hydrochlorothiazide 25mg tablets (28)	1154	A	-36	-3.0%
<b>2.9</b>				
Aspirin 75mg dispersible tablets (28)	74	M	-6	-7.5%
Aspirin 75mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	79	M	-5	-6.0%
Clopidogrel 75mg tablets (28)	171	M	-3	-1.7%
<b>2.12</b>				
Atorvastatin 10mg tablets (28)	103	M	-10	-8.9%
Atorvastatin 20mg tablets (28)	126	M	-15	-10.6%
Atorvastatin 40mg tablets (28)	151	M	-12	-7.4%
Atorvastatin 80mg tablets (28)	248	M	-25	-9.2%
Pravastatin 40mg tablets (28)	177	M	Unchanged	
Simvastatin 10mg tablets (28)	80	M	-6	-7.0%
Simvastatin 20mg tablets (28)	86	M	-6	-6.5%
Simvastatin 40mg tablets (28)	109	M	-8	-6.8%
Simvastatin 80mg tablets (28)	165	M	-37	-18.3%

Other Chapter 2 news: Cilostazol 100mg tablets [56 pack] move from Category A to M with a price reduction of 25%, ciprofibrate 100mg tablets are up 4% to 81.72, isradipine 2.5mg tablets nearly triple to 114.75 [28], nebivolol 2.5mg tablets are 69.69 and 5mg are just 1.55

### **Respiratory system (BNF Chapter 3)**

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>3.3</b>				
Montelukast 4mg chewable tablets sugar free (28)	196	M	-25	-11.3%
Montelukast 4mg granules sachets sugar free (28)	401	M	-1	-0.3%
Montelukast 5mg chewable tablets sugar free (28)	235	M	-2	-0.8%
Montelukast 10mg tablets (28)	233	M	-19	-7.5%
<b>3.4</b>				
Cetirizine 10mg tablets (30)	106	M	4	3.9%

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Desloratadine 5mg tablets (30)	135	M	-38	-22.0%
Loratadine 10mg tablets (30)	100	M	-6	-5.7%

### Central nervous system (BNF Chapter 4)

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>4.1</b>				
Temazepam 10mg tablets (28)	2055	M	-322	-13.6%
Temazepam 20mg tablets (28)	1964	M	-297	-13.1%
<b>4.2</b>				
Olanzapine 10mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	917	A	-91	-9.0%
Olanzapine 10mg tablets (28)	151	M	-16	-9.6%
Olanzapine 15mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	1298	A	-137	-9.6%
Olanzapine 15mg tablets (28)	208	M	-6	-2.8%
Olanzapine 20mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	1743	A	-186	-9.6%
Olanzapine 20mg tablets (28)	209	M	-34	-14.0%
Quetiapine 100mg tablets (60)	243	M	-23	-8.7%
Quetiapine 150mg tablets (60)	278	M	-49	-15.0%
Quetiapine 200mg tablets (60)	326	M	-46	-12.4%
Quetiapine 300mg tablets (60)	434	M	-73	-14.4%
Risperidone 3mg tablets (60)	199	M	-36	-15.3%
Risperidone 3mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	3352	A	10	0.3%
Risperidone 4mg tablets (28)	220	M	-6	-2.7%
Risperidone 4mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	3719	A	29	0.8%
Risperidone 6mg tablets (28)	580	A	-60	-9.4%
<b>4.3</b>				
Citalopram 20mg tablets (28)	88	M	-8	-8.3%
Citalopram 40mg tablets (28)	99	M	-12	-10.8%
Fluoxetine 20mg capsules (30)	99	M	-11	-10.0%
Fluoxetine 20mg/5ml oral solution (70ml)	443	M	19	4.5%
Fluoxetine 60mg capsules (30)	2997	M	-393	-11.6%
Mirtazapine 30mg orodispersible tablets (30)	159	M	-7	-4.2%
Mirtazapine 30mg tablets (28)	149	M	-26	-14.9%
Mirtazapine 45mg orodispersible tablets (30)	201	M	-31	-13.4%
Mirtazapine 45mg tablets (28)	205	M	-39	-16.0%
Sertraline 50mg tablets (28)	209	M	-117	-35.9%
Sertraline 100mg tablets (28)	298	M	-280	-48.4%
<b>4.6</b>				
Ondansetron 4mg tablets (10)	163	M	-25	-13.3%
Ondansetron 8mg tablets (10)	3980	A	136	3.5%
<b>4.7.1</b>				
Paracetamol 500mg tablets (32)	84	M	-5	-5.6%
Paracetamol 500mg capsules (32)	115	M	-8	-6.5%
Co-codamol 8mg/500mg capsules (100)	550	M	-141	-20.4%

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Co-codamol 8mg/500mg effervescent tablets (100)	706	M	-63	-8.2%
Co-codamol 8mg/500mg tablets (100)	340	M	-13	-3.7%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg capsules (100)	402	M	-31	-7.2%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg effervescent tablets (100)	819	M	-78	-8.7%
Co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablets (100)	440	M	-13	-2.9%
<b>4.7.4</b>				
Naratriptan 2.5mg tablets (6)	174	M	-13	-7.0%
Rizatriptan 10mg tablets (3)	579	M	421	266.5%
Sumatriptan 50mg tablets (6)	141	M	-14	-9.0%
Sumatriptan 100mg tablets (6)	178	M	-12	-6.3%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (6)	133	M	-41	-23.6%
Zolmitriptan 2.5mg tablets (6)	121	M	-21	-14.8%
Zolmitriptan 5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (6)	1248	A	-10	-0.8%
<b>4.8</b>				
Lamotrigine 100mg dispersible tablets sugar free (56)	432	M	-10	-2.3%
Lamotrigine 100mg tablets (56)	217	M	-30	-12.2%
Lamotrigine 200mg tablets (56)	339	M	-38	-10.1%
Levetiracetam 100mg/ml oral solution sugar free (300ml)	2764	M	-3074	-52.7%
Levetiracetam 250mg tablets (60)	179	M	-14	-7.3%
Levetiracetam 500mg tablets (60)	323	M	69	27.2%
Levetiracetam 750mg tablets (60)	424	M	21	5.2%
Levetiracetam 1g tablets (60)	489	M	-17	-3.4%
Topiramate 25mg capsules (60)	1326	M	-323	-19.6%
Topiramate 25mg tablets (60)	324	M	47	17.0%
Topiramate 50mg capsules (60)	4456	A	37	0.8%
Topiramate 50mg tablets (60)	294	M	-17	-5.5%
Topiramate 100mg tablets (60)	295	M	-21	-6.7%
Topiramate 200mg tablets (60)	1625	A	16	1.0%
<b>4.11</b>				
Donepezil 5mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	997	A	-52	-5.0%
Donepezil 5mg tablets (28)	120	M	-11	-8.4%
Donepezil 10mg orodispersible tablets sugar free (28)	1331	A	-45	-3.3%
Donepezil 10mg tablets (28)	160	M	-11	-6.4%
Rivastigmine 3mg capsules (28)	340	M	-104	-23.4%
Rivastigmine 4.5mg capsules (28)	1717	A	-15	-0.9%
Rivastigmine 6mg capsules (28)	1676	A	-21	-1.2%
Memantine 10mg tablets (28)	1442	M	199	16.0%
Memantine 20mg tablets (28)	2885	M	-1342	-31.8%

Others: levetiracetam 100mg/ml oral solution sugar-free moves Category A to M with price decrease of just over half. Modafinil tablets make the same

move, 100mg down by two-thirds to 15.51 and 200mg down by one-third to 78.75 .

### **Infections (BNF Chapter 5)**

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>5.1</b>				
Amoxicillin 250mg capsules (21)	137	M	-9	-6.2%
Amoxicillin 500mg capsules (21)	161	M	-4	-2.4%
Clarithromycin 250mg tablets (14)	164	M	-26	-13.7%
Clarithromycin 250mg/5ml oral suspension (70ml)	691	M	-106	-13.3%
Clarithromycin 500mg tablets (14)	263	M	-11	-4.0%
Co-amoxiclav 250mg/125mg tablets (21)	262	M	44	20.2%
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	161	M	-13	-7.5%
Erythromycin 250mg gastro-resistant capsules (28)	561	C	unchanged	
Nitrofurantoin 50mg tablets (28)	2435	M	-391	-13.8%
Nitrofurantoin 100mg tablets (28)	707	A	-53	-7.0%
Oxytetracycline 250mg tablets (28)	110	M	-11	-9.1%
Tetracycline 250mg tablets (28)	273	M	-30	-9.9%
Trimethoprim 200mg tablets (14)	90	M	-9	-9.1%
<b>5.2</b>				
Terbinafine 250mg tablets (14)	147	M	-18	-10.9%
<b>5.3</b>				
Aciclovir 400mg tablets (56)	430	M	-59	-12.1%
Aciclovir 800mg dispersible tablets (35)	910	A	48	5.6%
Aciclovir 800mg tablets (35)	430	M	-51	-10.6%
Famciclovir 250mg tablets (21)	1457 6	A	-27	-0.2%
Famciclovir 500mg tablets (14)	1802 5	A	-376	-2.0%
Valaciclovir 500mg tablets (10)	383	M	-303	-44.2%

### **Endocrine system (BNF Chapter 6)**

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>6.1</b>				
Metformin 500mg tablets (28)	87	M	-3	-3.3%
Metformin 500mg/5ml oral solution sugar free (150ml)	6956	A	-67	-1.0%
Metformin 850mg tablets (56)	136	M	6	4.6%
Gliclazide 80mg tablets (28)	104	M	unchanged	
Glimepiride 2mg tablets (30)	112	M	-2	-1.8%
Glimepiride 3mg tablets (30)	684	A	30	4.6%
Glimepiride 4mg tablets (30)	133	M	-5	-3.6%
Pioglitazone 15mg tablets (28)	129	M	-20	-13.4%
Pioglitazone 30mg tablets (28)	157	M	-35	-18.2%

Pioglitazone 45mg tablets (28)	179	M	-54	-23.2%
<b>6.2</b>				
Levothyroxine sodium 25microgram tablets (28)	258	M	-25	-8.8%
Levothyroxine sodium 50microgram tablets (28)	176	M	-20	-10.2%
Levothyroxine sodium 100microgram tablets (28)	176	M	-19	-9.7%
<b>6.3</b>				
Prednisolone 2.5mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	186	M	-36	-16.2%
Prednisolone 5mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	189	M	-35	-15.6%
Prednisolone 5mg tablets (28)	131	M	18	15.9%
<b>6.4</b>				
Finasteride 5mg tablets (28)	148	M	-6	-3.9%
Raloxifene 60mg tablets (28)	1106	M	-309	-21.8%
<b>6.6</b>				
Alendronic acid 10mg tablets (28)	128	M	-10	-7.3%
Alendronic acid 70mg tablets (4)	84	M	-6	-6.7%
Risedronate sodium 35mg tablets (4)	108	M	-8	-6.9%

## Odds n' ends (BNF chapters 7-13)

### Chapter 7

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Alphabetical order				
Desogestrel 75microgram tablets (84)	351	M	-40	-10.2%
Oxybutynin 2.5mg tablets (56)	181	M	-16	-8.1%
Oxybutynin 5mg tablets (56)	271	M	-46	-14.5%
Sildenafil 25mg tablets (4)	108	M	-16	-12.9%
Sildenafil 50mg tablets (4)	115	M	-26	-18.4%
Sildenafil 100mg tablets (4)	123	M	-22	-15.2%
Tamsulosin 400microgram m/r capsules (30)	510	A	-62	-10.8%
Tolterodine 1mg tablets (56)	272	M	-22	-7.5%
Tolterodine 2mg tablets (56)	268	M	-39	-12.7%
Trospium chloride 20mg tablets (60)	2529	A	-10	-0.4%

### Chapter 8

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Alphabetical order				
Anastrozole 1mg tablets (28)	180	M	-13	-6.7%
Bicalutamide 150mg tablets (28)	574	M	-56	-8.9%
Bicalutamide 50mg tablets (28)	231	M	-28	-10.8%
Exemestane 25mg tablets (30)	485	M	-59	-10.9%
Letrozole 2.5mg tablets (14)	163	M	-13	-7.4%
Mycophenolate mofetil 500mg tablets (50)	1182	M	-95	-7.4%
Tamoxifen 20mg tablets (30)	206	M	-33	-13.8%
Tamoxifen 40mg tablets (30)	1724	A	108	6.7%

## Chapter 9

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Alfacalcidol 1microgram capsules (30)	589	M	-54	-8.4%
Alfacalcidol 250nanogram capsules (30)	262	M	-18	-6.4%
Alfacalcidol 500nanogram capsules (30)	577	M	-38	-6.2%

## Chapter 10

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Alphabetical order				
Diclofenac sodium 25mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	82	M	-8	-8.9%
Diclofenac sodium 50mg gastro-resistant tablets (28)	80	M	-5	-5.9%
Ibuprofen 400mg tablets (84)	315	M	-4	-1.3%
Ibuprofen 600mg tablets (84)	692	A	unchanged	
Ibuprofen 5% gel (100g)	422	A	unchanged	
Ketoprofen 2.5% gel (100g)	328	M	-36	-9.9%
Leflunomide 10mg tablets (30)	1582	M	-253	-13.8%
Leflunomide 20mg tablets (30)	1676	M	-392	-19.0%
Naproxen 500mg gastro-resistant tablets (56)	502	M	21	4.4%
Naproxen 500mg tablets (28)	182	M	12	7.1%
Piroxicam 0.5% gel (112g)	528	M	-49	-8.5%

## Chapter 11

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Alphabetical order				
<b>11.4</b>				
Sodium cromoglicate 2% eye drops (13.5ml)	167	M	6	3.7%
<b>11.6</b>				
Dorzolamide 2% / Timolol 0.5% eye drops (5ml)	290	M	-36	-11.0%
Dorzolamide 2% eye drops (5ml)	199	M	-32	-13.9%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml / Timolol 5mg/ml eye drops (2.5ml)	428	M	-84	-16.4%
Latanoprost 50micrograms/ml eye drops (2.5ml)	177	M	-22	-11.1%
Timolol 0.25% eye drops (5ml)	130	M	-10	-7.1%
Timolol 0.5% eye drops (5ml)	122	M	-41	-25.2%
<b>11.8</b>				
Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops (10ml)	105	M	-16	-13.2%



## Chapter 12

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
Beclometasone 50micrograms/dose nasal spray (200dose)	212	M	-15	-6.6%
Ipratropium bromide 21micrograms/dose nasal spray (180dose)	654	C	109	20.0%

## Chapter 13

<b>DT Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Price change</b>	<b>Percentage change</b>
<b>13.4</b>				
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream (100g)	947	M	37	4.1%
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream (30g)	284	M	11	4.0%
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment (100g)	747	M	-306	-29.1%
Betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment (30g)	224	M	-92	-29.1%
Hydrocortisone 1% cream (30g)	208	M	-16	-7.1%
Hydrocortisone 1% ointment (30g)	220	M	-34	-13.4%
Hydrocortisone 2.5% cream (15g)	2392	A	17	0.7%
Hydrocortisone 2.5% ointment (15g)	2372	A	12	0.5%
Mometasone 0.1% cream (30g)	386	M	-28	-6.8%
<b>13.6</b>				
Co-cyprindiol 2000microgram/35microgram tablets (63)	540	A	-3	-0.6%
<b>13.10</b>				
Aciclovir 5% cream (2g)	83	M	-16	-16.2%
Terbinafine 1% cream (30g)	346	M	-32	-8.5%

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