

## February 2023

Usually in between quarterly Category M changes, I like to have all of my own time for myself.

Unfortunately, sometimes, I feel I have to let readers know what's happening. This is such a time.

Even after last month's Category M increases, again there is a very large number of price concessions for January - 177

Very crudely, and not weighted for actual impact, these amount to approximately doubling the usual prices of affected lines.

The largest concessions by percentage increase are for topiramate 25,50 and 100mg tablets which will be priced at 6-7 times their Tariff price.

Temazepam tablets have been granted concessions almost tripling their price although this takes them to slightly less than the previous month's concession.

Otherwise, it's a typical mid-quarter month where the price increases (mainly Category A lines) far outnumber the decreases.

It is difficult to pinpoint any lines of major significance but it might be worth knowing that hydrocortisone ointment is now £5.15 for 30g and that atomoxetine capsules continue their slow but consistent downward drift.

I expect there will be a few short notes again next month...