




# BSW First Line Emollients

For the full emollient formulary see [Formulary \(bswformulary.nhs.uk\)](https://www.bswformulary.nhs.uk)

Product	Picture	Cost*	Ingredients
<b>Very greasy ointment</b>			
<b>White soft paraffin in liquid paraffin (50:50)</b>		500g—£4.57	<b>Liquid paraffin 50%, white soft paraffin 50%</b>
<b>Ointment</b>			
<b>Epimax Ointment</b>		125g—£2.01 500g—£3.13	<b>Liquid paraffin 40%, yellow soft paraffin 30%</b> cetomacrogol emulsifying wax (cetostearyl alcohol and macrogol cetostearyl ether)
<b>Creams</b>			
<b>Epimax Original Cream</b>		100g—£0.80 500g—£2.67	<b>White soft paraffin 15% w/w and liquid paraffin 6% w/w</b> Water, Polysorbate 60, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Phenoxyethanol
<b>Epimax ExCetra Cream (Similar to Cetraben)</b>		100g—£1.83 500g—£3.09	<b>White soft paraffin 13.2% w/w and light liquid paraffin 10.5% w/w</b> Water, Glycerol, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Phenoxyethanol, Trisodium Citrate Dihydrate, Citric Acid Monohydrate, SLS-free emulsifying wax, ethylhexylglycerin
<b>Epimax Oatmeal Cream (Similar to Aveeno)</b>		100g—£2.06 500g—£3.10	<b>Avena sativa (oat) kernel flour, liquid paraffin 3.5% w/w, white soft paraffin 0.75%</b> Water, glycerol, distearyldimonium chloride, isopropyl palmitate, cetostearyl alcohol, dimethicone, allantoin, isopropanol, octyldodecanol, phenoxyethanol, ethylhexylglycerin, sodium chloride, benzyl alcohol
<b>Gel</b>			
<b>Epimax Isomol Gel (similar to Doublebase)</b>		100g—£1.99 500g—£3.08	<b>Isopropyl Myristate 15% w/w; Liquid Paraffin 15% w/w</b> Purified Water, Glycerol, Polysorbate 20, Triethanolamine, Carbomer, Phenoxyethanol, Ethylhexylglycerin
<b>Lotion</b>			
<b>Lotions should only be offered to patients where alternative emollients aren't suitable, and the lotion properties will be clinically beneficial – an emollient that is easier to spread or required for hairy areas of skin</b>			
<b>E45 Lotion</b>		200ml—£2.45 500ml—£4.90	<b>WSP 10% + LLP 4%, hypoallergenic anhydrous lanolin 1%</b> Excipients: benzyl alcohol, isopropyl palmitate, hydroxybenzoates (parabens)

\*Prices taken from DM+D October 2022 and checked against Drug Tariff September 2023.

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