

Online Supplementary Table 1. Unit costs

Type of service	Unit of service	Source (reference)	Unit cost
Primary care contacts			
GP (at general practice)	Per 11.7 minutes patient contact	21	£37.00
Practice nurse (at general practice)	Per 15.5 minutes patient contact	21	£13.43
Community nurse (at general practice/clinic)	Per 15 minutes patient contact	21	£10.50
GP (phone)	Per 7.1 minutes patient contact	21	£22.00
Practice nurse (phone)	Per 6 minutes patient contact	21	£5.20
Community nurse (phone)	Per 6 minutes patient contact	21	£4.20
GP (home)	Per 11.4 minutes patient contact	21	£36.00
Practice nurse (home)	Per 25 minutes patient contact	21	£21.60
Community nurse (home)	Per 25 minutes patient contact	21	£17.50
Community and secondary care activities			
Diagnostic procedures	Per procedure	20	£39.00–£249.00
Laboratory tests	Per test	20	£1.00– £39.00
Non-elective admissions	Per admission	20	£117.00
Surgical procedures	Per procedure	20	£188.70– £7319.28
Community healthcare service contacts	Per contact	20	£25.00– £145.00
Outpatient contacts	Per contact	20	£35.00–£221.00
Prescriptions			
Anaesthesia	Per pack	BNF	£0.23- £2.84
Borderline substances	Per pack	BNF	£2.02- £20.23
Cardiovascular system	Per pack	BNF	£0.68- £31.65
Central nervous system	Per pack	BNF	£0.66- £117.31
Dental Formulary	Per pack	BNF	£13.49
Ear, nose and throat	Per pack	BNF	£1.21–£6.86
Endocrine system	Per pack	BNF	£1.10– £139.83
Eye	Per pack	BNF	£0.81– £16.66

Gastrointestinal system	Per pack	BNF	£0.41– £39.30
Immune system	Per pack	BNF	£4.15– £80.50
Infections	Per pack	BNF	£0.92– £36.40
Malignant disease	Per pack	BNF	£6.01–£75.24
Muscular/joint disease	Per pack	BNF	£1.18–£23.34
Nutrition/blood products	Per pack	BNF	£0.95– £24.22
Obstetrics/gynaecology	Per pack	BNF	£1.80– £92.02
Respiratory system	Per pack	BNF	£0.44–£105.52
Skin disorder	Per pack	BNF	£0.50– £56.87
Wound management	Per pack	BNF	£0.12– £71.67

Abbreviations: BNF=British National Formulary; GP=general practitioner