

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



Unit Costs



What are Unit Costs?

They tell us how much it costs to provide a single health or social care service.

Unit Costs are produced and published each year by the research team at the University of Kent and the University of York.



Can you give an example of a Unit Cost?

- An hour of nurse's time
- Ambulance services
- Clinical equipment
- Day Care
- Home care
- Residential care
- End of life care



Why is this important?

Unit costs can be used for:

- Health and Social Care budgets.
- Decision-making for different treatment or care, when budgets are limited.
- Costs of missed appointments.

How are Unit Costs Used?

Researchers can use unit costs to explore if a new health and social care policy provides benefits for individuals and is value for money

Unit costs can inform decision makers in decisions on what support is provided to those who need help.

Assists health and care providers plan for the future of their services.



How do I find out more?

A Unit Cost manual is produced every year. You can find this on our [website](#).

There are also videos, social media pages and webinars to help you find out more information. Please feel free to [contact us](#).

