

## Bright Blue Paper - Financial

The average costs (updated to indicate 2012/13 prices) associated with some of the conditions we expect the Welfare Reform Act to increase are:

<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	<b>£3,618</b>
<b>Bronchitis</b>	<b>£1,636</b>
<b>Emphysema</b>	<b>£2,708</b>
<b>COPD</b>	<b>£3,655</b>
<b>Asthma</b>	<b>£2,149</b>
<b>Asthmaticus</b>	<b>£3,326</b>
<b>Bronchiectasis</b>	<b>£4,549</b>
<b>Mental Health (CBT)</b>	<b>£544</b>
<b>Mental Health (Prescribing)</b>	<b>£several hundred per treatment course</b>

(Headline figures are interesting but not very illuminating. In the last quarter of 2011/12, the average cost (Gross Ingredient Cost) of a prescription for an antidepressant was £4.65. This cost per item was fairly consistent over the past year. In the same quarter, the total cost of these medicines in primary care was £324, 408 (£1.285 million for the year), so they are a significant part of both prescribing as a therapeutic intervention and of the total primary care medicine bill.)