

Supplementary material 9 - Summary of UK Department of Health reference costs 2015-16 and 2018-19

Activity costed	Department of Health Reference costs 2015-16 ⁵	Department of Health Reference costs 2018-19 ⁴
Estimated cost for antenatal appointment	Non-consultant-led outpatient attendance for obstetrics - £117.16 Consultant-led outpatient attendance for obstetrics - £141.95	Tariff for all care within an average maternity pathway is costed as a composite, with higher prices paid for higher levels of obstetric complexity or presence of medical co-morbidities: £1,019-£2,713.00.
Estimated cost for attendance to maternity day unit/triage	£259.48 (NZ16Z - Day case)	
Estimated cost for an antenatal inpatient admission	£1,133.76 for first day and £184.67 for every day after (NZ16Z - Antenatal Routine Observation)	
Estimated cost for an ultrasound scan	Sonography-led: £109.07 / scan (NZ21Z) Specialist-led: £151.15 / scan (NZ22Z)	
Induction of labour	£537.90-£850.96 in addition to cost of normal vaginal delivery	Upgrades the price for vaginal birth to a higher level of complexity.
Epidural	£537.90-£850.96 in addition to cost of normal vaginal delivery	
Spontaneous vaginal birth	£1,832.10-£2,259.20	£1,957-£3,357, depends on level of complexity and additional activity
Instrumental birth	£2,441.01-£3,204.83	£1,957-£3,357, depends on level of complexity and additional activity
Elective Caesarean section	£3,383.41-£5,042.31	£3,357
Emergency Caesarean section	£4,594.77-£6,867.95	
Repair 3/4th degree tear	£242.06-£762.75 in addition to cost for normal vaginal birth	£0.00 - £1,400.00 (upgrades vaginal birth price to £3,357, if not already being paid)
Manual removal of placenta	£242.06-£762.75 in addition to cost for normal vaginal birth	£0.00 - £1,400.00 (upgrades vaginal birth price to £3,357, if not already being paid)

Examination under anaesthesia for postpartum haemorrhage	£242.06-£762.75 in addition to cost for normal vaginal birth	£0.00 - £1,400.00 (upgrades vaginal birth price to £3,357, if not already being paid)
Maternal inpatient stay on postnatal ward / maternity HDU	Immediate postnatal admission included in cost of birth until a pre-specified length of stay (varies according to mode of birth). After this, £48.95-1,890.19/day.	Days after 6-9 days paid at £347.00 / day
Maternal inpatient stay in ITU	£3,097.25 / day	To be negotiated locally