

Table A2.3. Unit costs in Great British Pounds (GBP).

Cost parameter	2008 value in GBP (£) <sup>1</sup>	Source <sup>2</sup>
Obtaining a swab in large general hospital	£4.25	[45]
Screening culture using mannitol salt agar with oxacillin – positive result	£8.78	[45]
Screening culture using mannitol salt agar with oxacillin – negative result	£5.44	[45]
Screening culture using any chromogenic agar – positive result	£8.01	[45] [46]
Screening culture using any chromogenic agar – negative result	£4.67	[45] [46]
Screening culture using Polymerase Chain Reaction (SmartCylcer system with IDI MRSA Test Kit)	£20.87	[45]
Contact precautions in general hospital	£16.30	[45]
Decolonisation	£55.95	[45]

1 Base year for estimates 2005/2006. Prices were re-valued to third quarter 2008 values using an index published by the Office of National Statistics [47].

2 All studies from a UK setting.