

Resource 1: The cost of treatment

The information below gives some idea of the costs involved in various treatments offered by the National Health Service. The drugs bill for the UK is over £2 billion a year.

IVF treatment costs £3000 a time.

10 week premature triplets cost £45000.

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Bone marrow transplants for leukaemia can cost up to £100,000 each.

60 tablets of one treatment for HIV costs £192.22 per month.

AIDS/HIV treatment costs an average of £500,000 per lifetime.

Palliative care for cancer sufferers costs £50 million a

Total costs for cancer care are over £1 billion a year.

Taxol, a treatment for breast cancer, costs £7500 a year per sufferer.