Implementation of revised STAR PU (13) weightings (Q3 2013/14)

Cost/item based Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex (STAR PU) weightings, revised by the Prescribing and Primary Care Team (HSCIC) in September 2013, are to be applied to QIPP comparators from Q3 2013/14 data (available February 2014). This will affect the following 3 comparators:

* Laxatives ADQ/STAR PU
* Antibacterial items/STAR PU
* NSAIDs: ADQ/STAR PU

NB: Within the Information Services Portal there will be the facility to switch between 2009 and 2013 STAR PUs

Newly developed ADQ based STAR PUs have already been introduced into the 3 other comparators that utilise STAR PUs.

* Omega-3 ADQ/STAR PU
* Hypnotics ADQ/STAR PU (ADQ based)
* Antidepressant (selected): ADQ/STAR PU (ADQ based)

NB: 2009 values not available for new ADQ based STAR PU weightings.

This is taken from the Health and Social Care Information Centre website specification document at [QIPP Prescribing Comparators: Description and Specification](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/media/13350/QIPP-prescribing-comparators-201314-Descriptions-and-specifications-Dec-2013/pdf/QIPP_prescribing_comparators_%282013_14%29_Descriptions_and_specifications_%28Dec_2013%29.pdf)