## **Financial and Value for Money Implications**

Economies in relation to the operation of the service have been achieved in the first year of the service as demonstrated by the table blow from Q3 monitoring:

	Qrt 1	Qrt 2	Qrt 3	Qrt 4	Year to Date
No. of new referrals (people)	227	587	634		1,448
No. of individual benefit categories people were supported to access / secure benefits from	590	890	1,378		2,858
Ratio of benefit categories secured per individual	2.6	1.52	2.18		1.98
Value of benefits secured for individuals accessing the service during the qrt	£383,398	£177,764	£379,254		£940,416
Average value of benefits secured	£649.83	£199.73	£3,160.16		£1,335.57
Unit cost to support an individual via this contract (based on new referrals during period)	£550.66	£212.95	£197.16		£258.97

In quarter 3 there were 1,378 issues (i.e.: separate benefit tasks) from 634 new people referred which is a ratio of 2.18 issues per referral. The cost of supporting each individual has dropped from £550.66 in quarter 1 to £212.95 in quarter two and £197.16 in quarter 3.

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