This is the latest updated volume in a well-established series bringing together information from a variety of sources to estimate national unit costs for a wide range of health and social care services. This report consists of schema for approaching 100 types of service which, as well as providing the most detailed and comprehensive information possible, also quotes sources and assumptions so users can adapt the information for their own purposes. This year we have included two new articles: ‘A comparison of two sources of primary and social care resource use data in a care home setting’ by Tracey Sach & colleagues and ‘GP prescription costs – changes over time’ by Lesley Curtis and Jennifer Beecham. There are also new schema for a GP online system, sexual health services, mental health promotion and disorder prevention, low intensity interventions for the management of obsessive compulsive disorder and a support outreach worker. We have also included a schema for a peer support worker, social prescribing, smoking cessation as well as some new children’s services costs drawn from projects which have been evaluated as part of the Children’s Social Care Innovation Programme. The 2018 edition is also available in full, free of charge, at the PSSRU website - www.pssru.ac.uk/unit-costs/2018/ - as an Acrobat file.