**Changes to QIPP Comparators**

**Hypnotics ADQ/STAR PU**.

Significant changes were made to this comparator with effect from Quarter 1 2013/14, which may be problematic to users who require in-year continuity in the monitoring of prescribing. The original comparator has therefore been reinstated and the revised comparator has been backdated to cover the same time period. The original comparator will be available alongside the revised comparator until the end of 2013/14 data.

The new comparator is Hypnotics ADQ/STAR PU (ADQ based) and the older comparator is Hypnotics ADQ/STAR PU (COST based).

**Antidepressants (selected): ADQ/STAR PU (ADQ based)**

Significant changes were made to this comparator with effect from Quarter 1 2013/14. The revised comparator Antidepressants (selected): ADQ/STAR PU (ADQ based) has therefore been backdated to cover the same time period as other comparators. The original comparator is still available within Volume Comparators and is named Antidepressants ADQ/STAR PU.

**Changes to QIPP comparator titles, drug lists and STAR PU weightings**

Omega-3 ADQ/STAR-PU has not changed but now reads Omega-3 fatty acid compounds ADQ/STAR-PU

Titles of drug list and STAR PU weightings have also been amended to include the BNF section to which they relate, and whether the STAR PU is ADQ, Cost, or Item based.

For further details of changes please refer to the HSCIC specification document available on this page <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/3332.aspx>