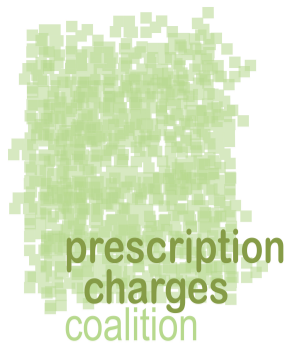
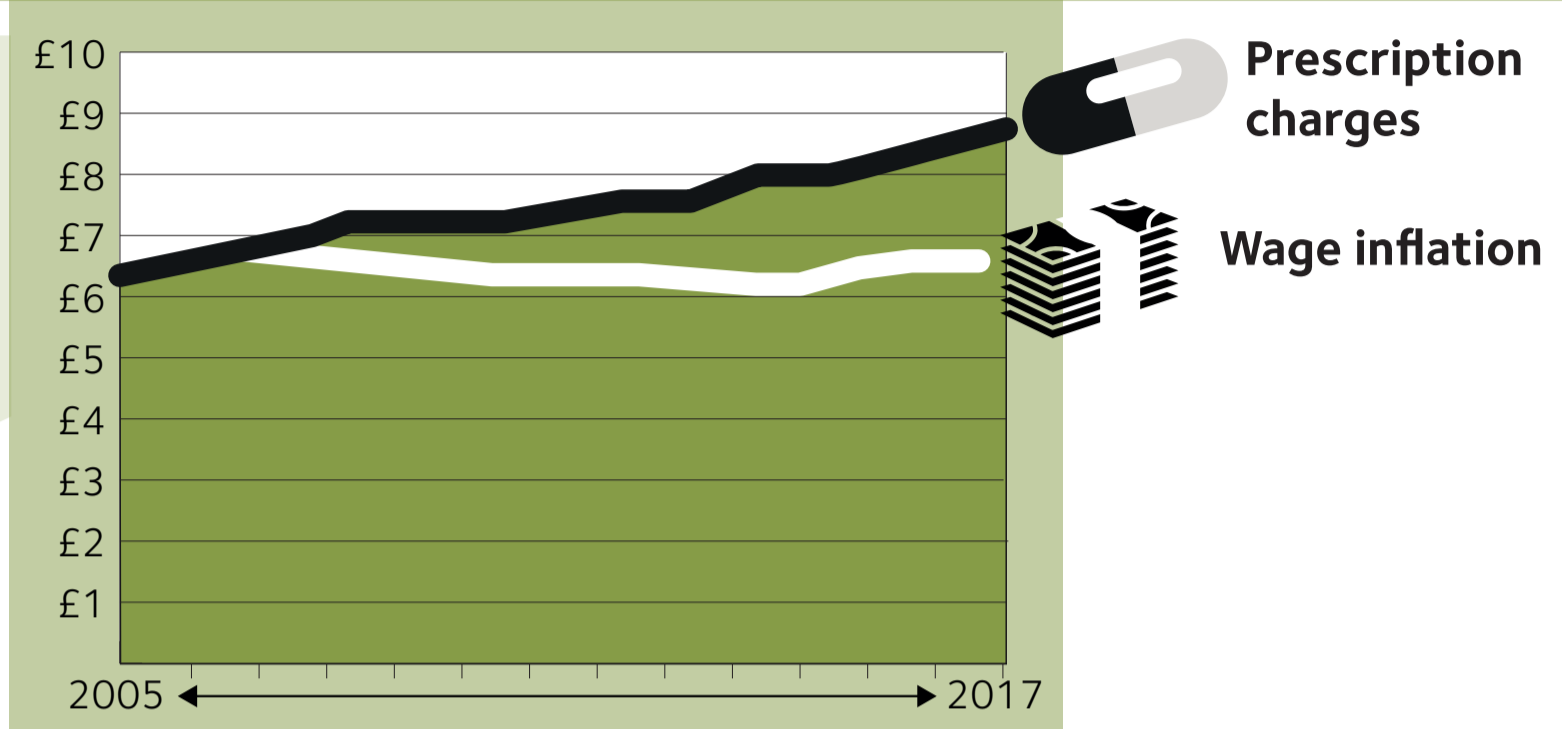


# The cost to the NHS of prescription charges for people with long-term conditions



## THE COST

The cost of prescription charges increases every year at a pace which outstrips wage inflation



## THE SAVINGS

Scrapping prescription charges for people with Parkinson's and Inflammatory Bowel Disease would save the NHS money

Cost savings per condition for 12 months



**£0.8M**  
for Parkinson's



**£20M**  
for IBD

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Cost savings per patient for 12 months



**£93**  
for Parkinson's



**£180**  
for IBD

## REDUCE HEALTH COMPLICATIONS

Scrapping prescription charges for people with Parkinson's would reduce the number of health complications over 12 months

**↓20.4%**  
inpatient bed days

**↓11.4%**  
hospital admissions

**↓9%**  
A&E visits

In 12 months incidents for people with Inflammatory Bowel Disease would reduce by:



**↓7,149**  
flares for IBD

**↓3,887**  
GP visits (for Crohn's)

**↓14**  
treatments for colorectal cancer (ulcerative colitis)  
(↓20.6%)