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Intervention/care	Unit cost (£)	Average cost* (£)	Total cost of intervention (£)	Proportion of costs attributed (%)
In-hospital stay† (n=17)	509	7,594	129,101	59.4
Return to theatre (n=4)	4,338	20,607	82,429	37.9
NPWT (n=4)	200	750	3,000	1.4
Antibiotics‡ (n=13)	14	174	2,260	1.0
Microbiology referral (n=10)	9	32	321	0.2
Other (n=4)	55	76	305	0.1
TOTAL (n=17)	-	-	217,416	100.0

Table 2. Main costs associated with care for patients with SSI

*Per patient receiving the intervention; †Averaged (per night) across several types of ward; ‡Averaged (per course) for several types of antibiotic