

# SAVING MONEY IS SAVING LIVES



From Monday 4 September 2017, many medicines and treatments for minor ailments, will no longer be available on prescription\* and will now need to be purchased from local pharmacies and supermarkets.

The NHS in West Lancashire is currently spending **£390,000** annually, prescribing medicines for minor ailments, such as coughs and colds, hay fever and general aches and pains.

It can cost the NHS around four times more to prescribe these items than it does to buy yourself.

This is the equivalent of:



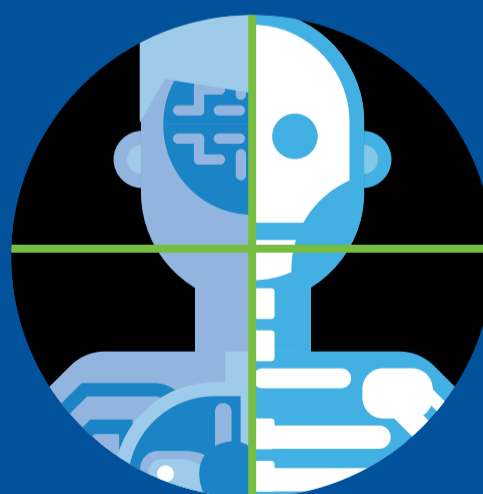
**10,833**

GP appointments



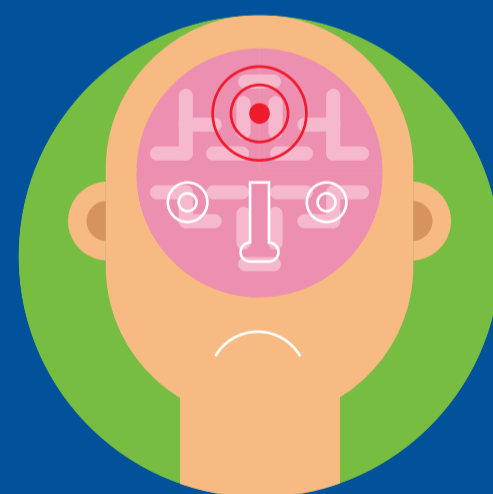
**3,451**

A&E attendances



**3,421**

MRI scans



**97**

Stroke treatments

\*Certain groups are exempt from this change, please speak to your GP or visit the NHS West Lancashire CCG website for further information.

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