

RIOTT Economic Evaluation Results

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Background

- Evidence to suggest injectable opioid treatment more effective than oral methadone
- But injectable treatments considerably more expensive:
 - More expensive medications
 - Additional dispensing and supervision resources
- Value for money not only influenced by treatment costs but also:
 - Treatment outcomes
 - Cost-savings elsewhere in the health and wider systems

Methods

Aim

- To compare cost and cost-effectiveness at 26-week follow-up of:
 - Supervised injectable heroin and optimised oral methadone (SIH vs OOM)
 - Supervised injectable methadone and optimised oral methadone (SIM vs OOM)

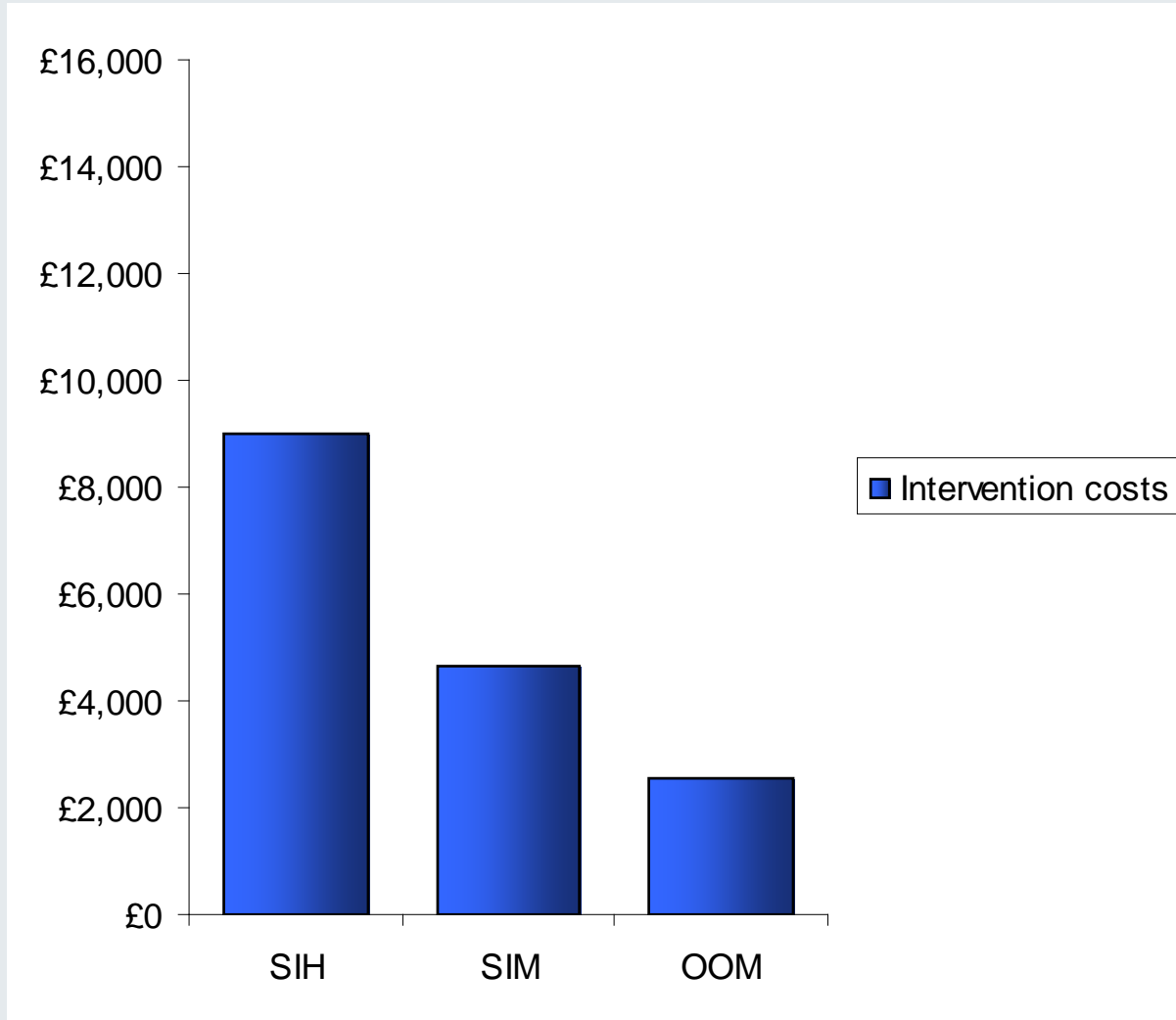
Effects

- Cost-effectiveness explored in relation to:
 - Responders (proportion –'ve for street heroin in >50% of random urine tests)
 - QALYs (quality adjusted life years)

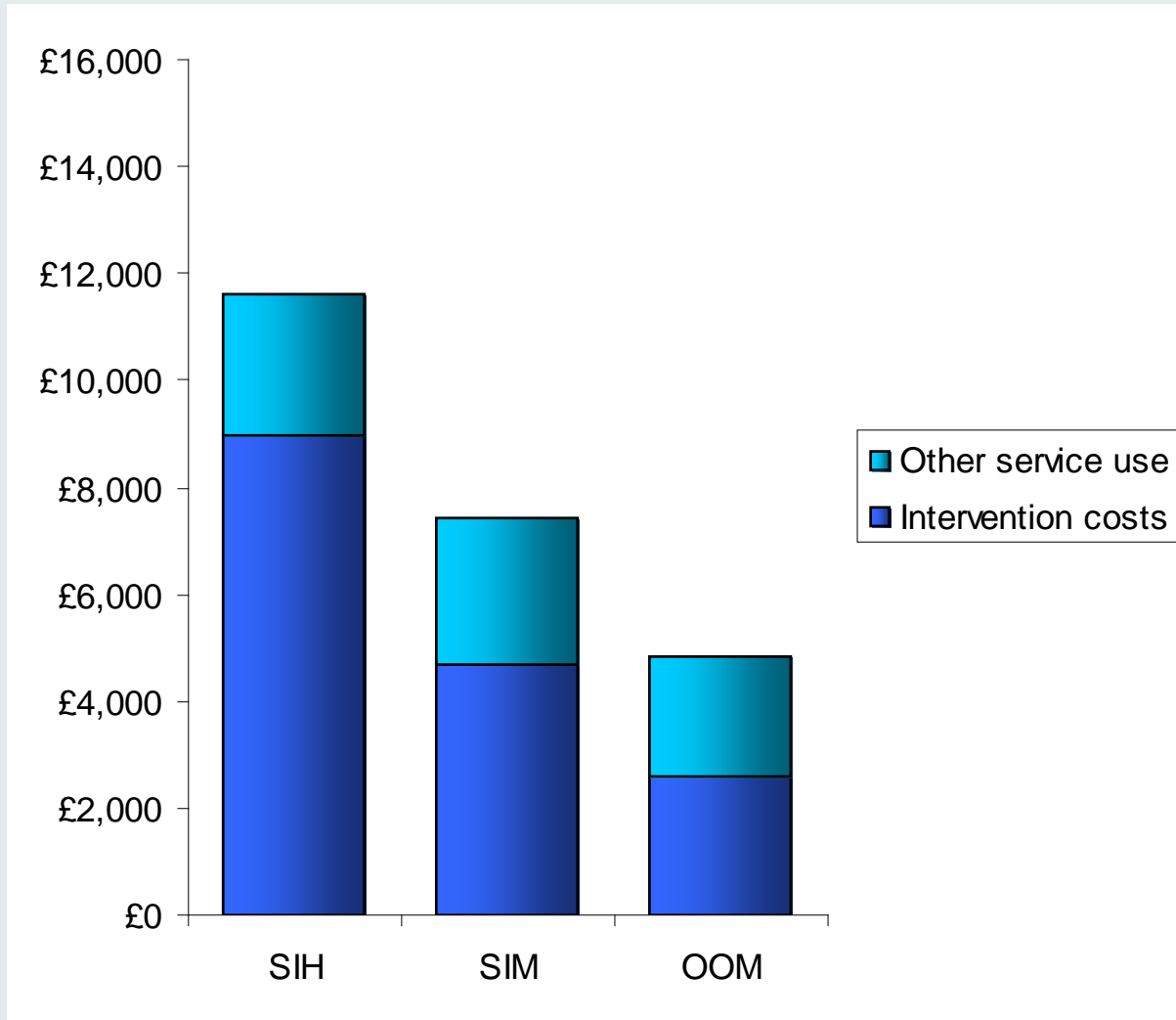
Costs

- Economic perspective:
 - Cost of all health and social care services
 - Cost of crimes committed and other criminal justice sector resources

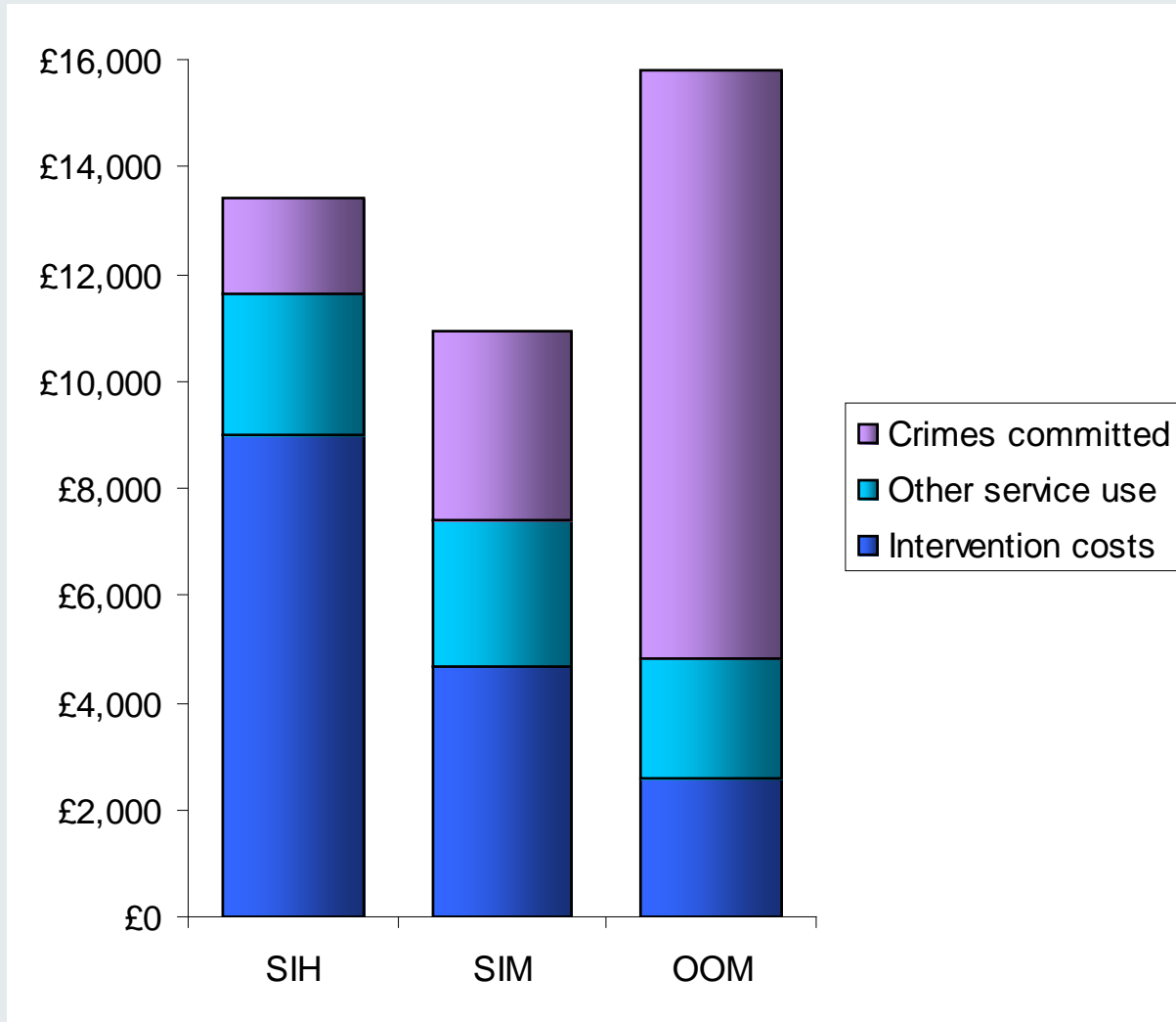
Results: Cost per participant



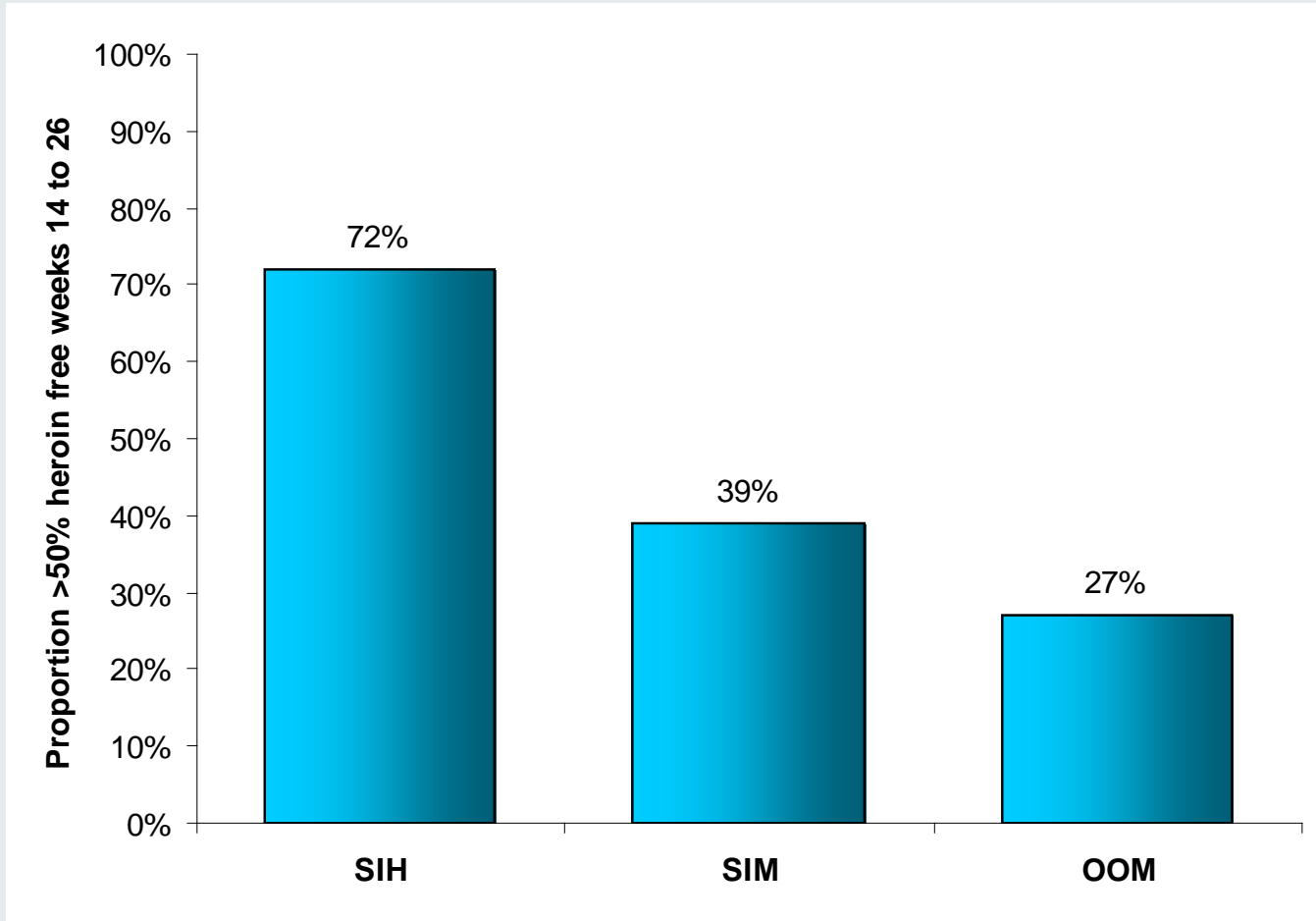
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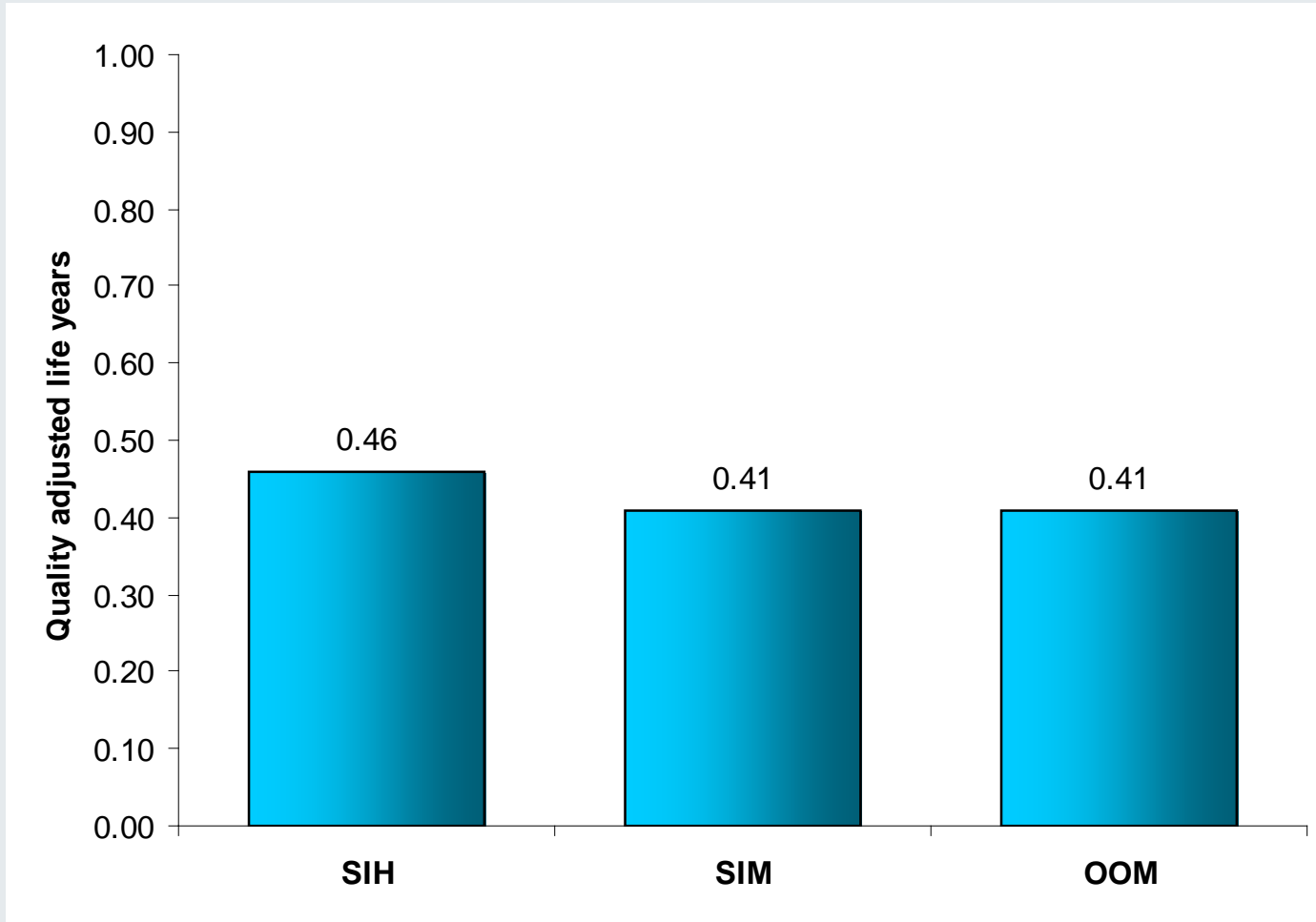
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Effectiveness – Responders

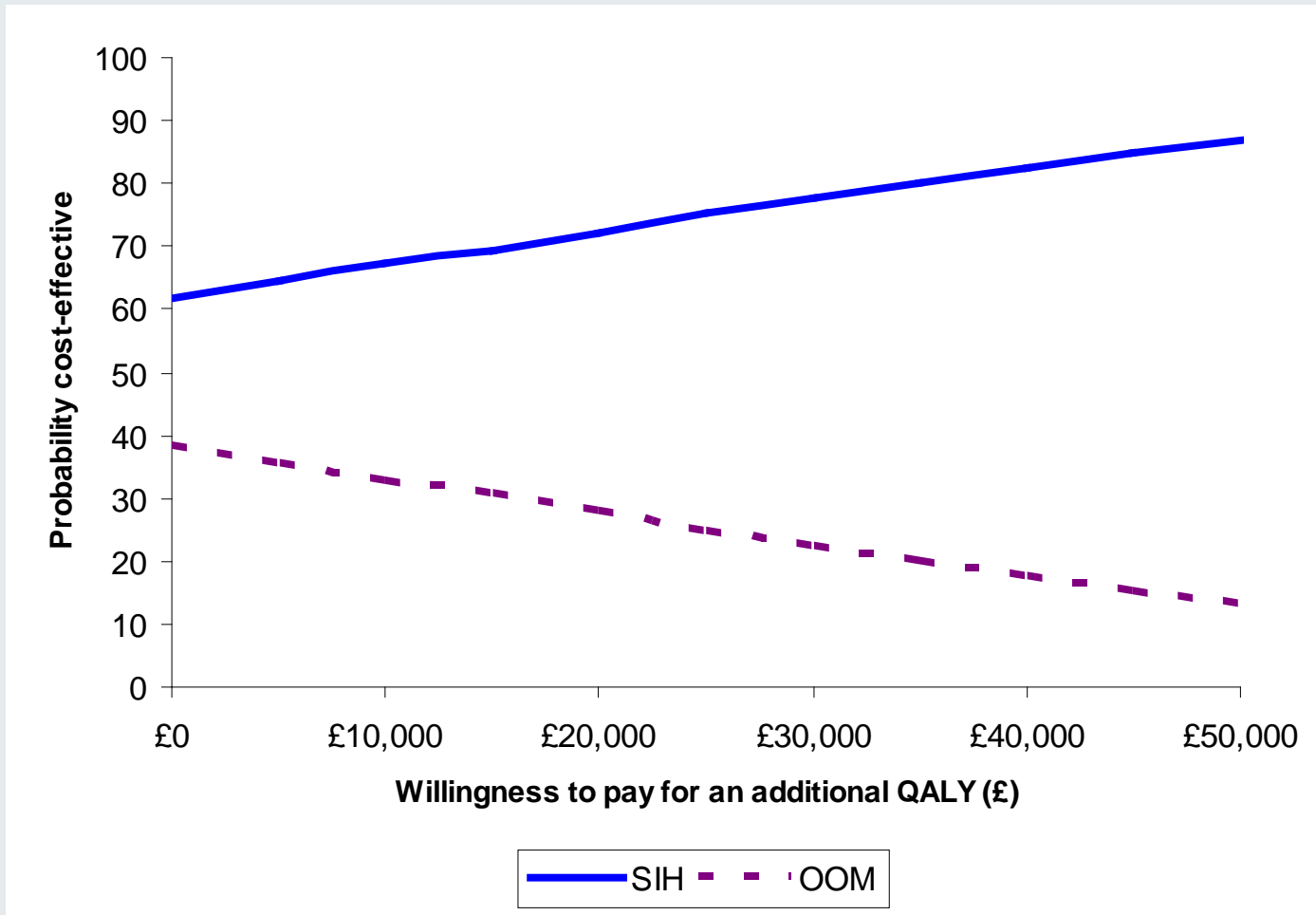


Effectiveness – QALYs



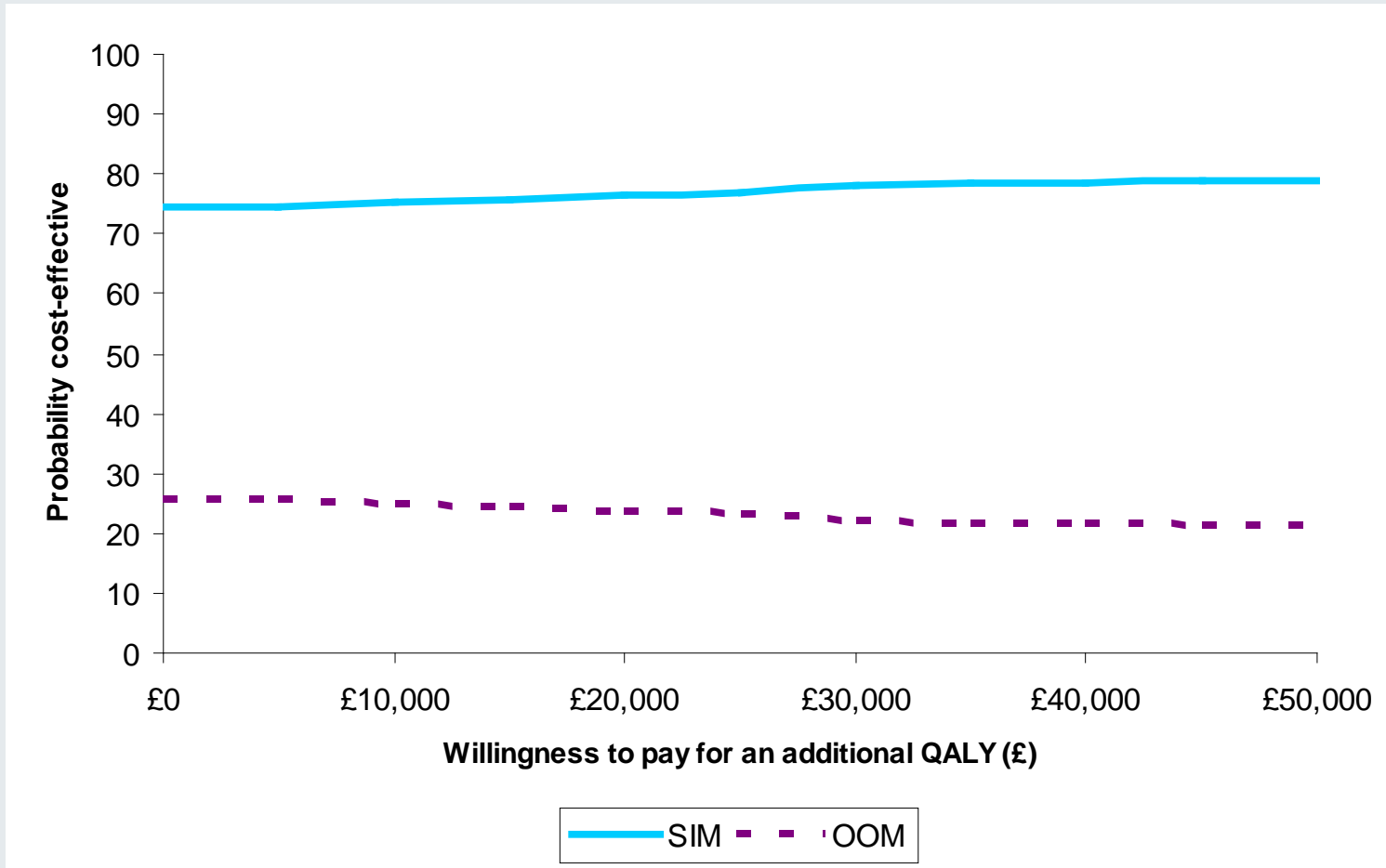
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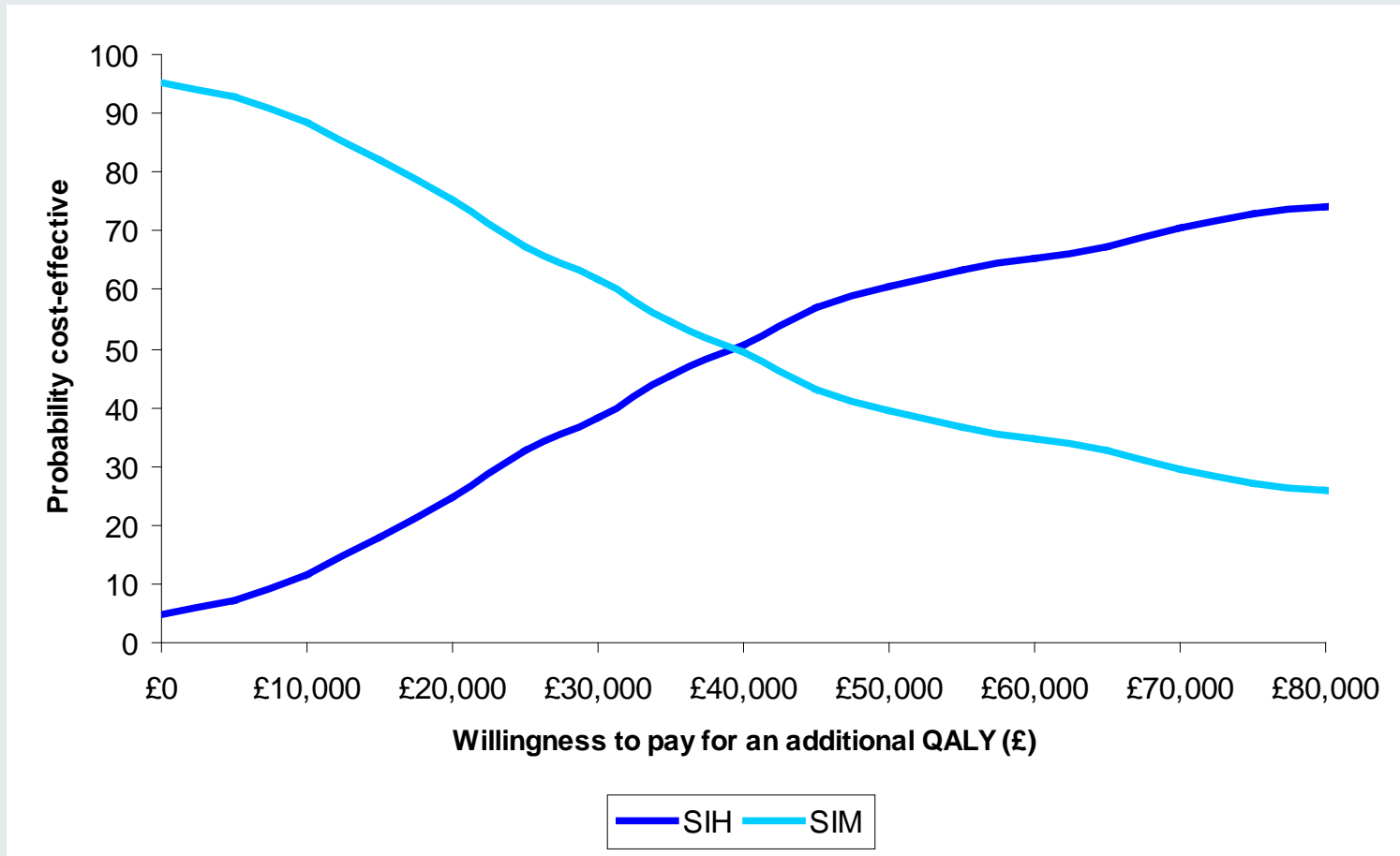
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Cost-effectiveness – SIH versus SIM

- SIH more effective (additional QALYs=0.08) but more costly (additional cost=£2,931) – TRADE OFF



Effect of variation in the cost of medical heroin

Increased demand for pharmaceuticals will often reduce the supply cost

@ £12.50 per 500mg (cost in the RIOTT trial)

➤ **38% probability SIH more cost-effective @ £30k per QALY**

@ 10.00 per 500mg (feasible current supply)

➤ **45% probability SIH more cost-effective @ £30k per QALY**

@ £7.50 per 500mg (feasible future supply)

➤ **52% probability SIH more cost-effective @ £30k per QALY**

Conclusions

- Injectable treatments cost-effective compared to oral methadone
- Cost-effectiveness driven by savings in the criminal justice sector, not the health sector
- Some compensation may be needed to support clinics in the provision of these more cost-effective treatments
- Choice between injectable heroin and injectable methadone will depend on the supply price of injectable heroin