



18 September 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 18578**

I refer to your email of 22 August requesting information in respect of blood glucose meters.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

- *Do any of the CCGs you serve have a preferred list or guidelines for cost effective blood glucose meters/test strips for use by patients with diabetes?*
- *Could I please have a copy of such a list and which CCGs does it cover?*
- *When are these guidelines due for review?*
- *the contact details of the person or dept. responsible for it's review?*
- *how does a company become involved in such a review?*
- *are there any rebate schemes in place with any of the blood glucose monitoring companies and,*
- *would the reviewing organisation be open to a rebate scheme if there was one on offer?*

### **Response**

#### Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG

Do the CCGs have a preferred list or guidelines for cost effective blood glucose meters/test strips for use by patients with diabetes?

Yes

Could I please have a copy of such a list and which CCGs does it cover?

<https://nww.knowledgeanglia.nhs.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=eLB3hAGGh7c%3d&tabid=1260&portalid=1&mid=1984>

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(see attachments also)

When are these guidelines due for review?  
November 2019

the contact details of the person or dept. responsible for its review?  
Prescribing & Medicines Management Team CSU  
GY&W CCG Medicines Optimisation Team [GYWCCG.medsqueries@nhs.net](mailto:GYWCCG.medsqueries@nhs.net)

how does a company become involved in such a review?  
We do not allow any companies to participate in such a review.

are there any rebate schemes in place with any of the blood glucose monitoring companies and,  
GlucRx  
Contour Next  
One Touch

would the reviewing organisation be open to a rebate scheme if there was one on offer?  
Yes the CCG is open to considering rebate schemes but only for products which are already on our formulary. The existence of a rebate scheme has no bearing on the decision to include an item on formulary.

#### North, South, Norwich and West CCGs

Do the CCGs have a preferred list or guidelines for cost effective blood glucose meters/test strips for use by patients with diabetes? Yes

Could I please have a copy of such a list and which CCGs does it cover? See attached documents

When are these guidelines due for review? See attached documents

the contact details of the person or dept. responsible for its review? Arden and GEM CSU Medicines Optimisation Team (MOT).

how does a company become involved in such a review? Contact the MOT and send relevant information to that team.

are there any rebate schemes in place with any of the blood glucose monitoring companies and, Yes

would the reviewing organisation be open to a rebate scheme if there was one on offer? Yes provided it's been through PrescQIPP and meets the CCG rebate policy.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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FOI Team, Room 18  
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Newbold Road  
Chesterfield  
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Email [agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneycggs@nhs.net](mailto:agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneycggs@nhs.net)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of  
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,  
North Norfolk, South Norfolk  
Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs**