

Our Ref: 38/2023
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I have sent guidance for both CGM and RTCGM. There is also new guidance for type 2 patients on insulin who may fit criteria also, hypo unaware, critically ill or poor dexterity.

1. SY ICB have replied to a previous FOI request that it is DBTH that makes the decision as to whether a type 1 diabetic can be prescribed continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGM) can you confirm this is correct?

This is correct, we prescribe the first month supply, monitor for 6 months then back to GP

2. If not DBTH to question 1 then who makes the decision?, as SY ICB have stated it is not them **DBTH for type 1, ideally community should be responsible for T2 unless under consultant in secondary care.**

3. Whoever makes the decision in question 1 what are the criteria for deciding this? Are they following Nice guideline NG17 or is there other criteria, if other criteria can this be provided

I have attached criteria above for both Flash and Dexcom

4. Whoever makes the decision in question 1 how long does the decision take?

The patient will see the patient in clinic and a contract will be sign and given to a member in the DSN team for libre start. Due to the pandemic, we are about 9 months behind with the waiting list.

5. Since April 2022 how many type 1 diabetics have been offered CGM by DBTH?

There has been about 10 Libre starts, however, due to staffing retirement, leaving the trust and Covid, we have been concentrating on follow ups. The band 3 clinical support is now in post and currently being trained for the role for libre starts then the nurse will provide follow up. Initially, the guidance was aimed at community doing the libre starts as we are an in-patient service but they never fulfilled due to lack of workforce. We agreed to assist for the interim period only. Now guidance has changed and secondary care should provide CGM/Flash for type 1 patients. We do not have a secondary care OP team therefore it falls to the in-patient DSNs to provide the service which does have an impact on patient care. This is part of the business case moving forward.

6. Since April 2022 how many type 1 diabetics have been refused CGM by DBTH?

No type 1 patients have been refused GCM/Flash, but they should only be given Dexcom G or Libre 3 if they are hypo unaware.