

Your Request:

1) Please advise if this ICB will be making the decisions for any changes relating to the formulary for blood glucose meters and test strips.

2) Please provide the name, email address and telephone number of the department or person(s) who will be making the decisions for any changes relating to the formulary for blood glucose meters and test strips.

Our Response:

1 - 2) Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has inherited the two former formularies in operation by the former CCGs, which are the Pan Mersey Formulary and the Cheshire Formulary. Links to these formulary websites are listed below for your information:

- Cheshire Formulary
www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk
- Pan Mersey Formulary
www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have any immediate plans to review the above formularies specifically for blood glucose meters and test strips. However, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is establishing a programme of work to begin to review all of our current formulary clinical guidelines against national standards, starting with those where there is significant variation across the former CCG areas. The dates, process and any partnerships in relation to these reviews are still yet to be determined.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB will continue to adopt and operate the former CCG approved formulary clinical guidelines prior to 01 July 2022 until such reviews are completed. A statement in regard to this can be found on our website via the following link:
<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/commissioning-policies/>

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have any individual members of staff specifically responsible for the above formularies for blood glucose meters and test strips. However, there are currently two established Area Prescribing Committees/Groups (APC/APG) within Cheshire & Merseyside ICB which are the Pan Mersey APC and the Cheshire APG. Any enquires for these APC/APG can be sent via: enquiries@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk.

For information, at the NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Board Meeting held on 27 October 2022, it was agreed that the former CCG commissioning policies in respect of Continuous Glucose Monitors be retired and the recommendations within NICE guidance NG17, NG18 and NG28 be adopted.

Further information in respect of this can be found within the Board Meeting papers (page 111) which is publicly available on our website via the following link: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/media/ttplkkyj/icb-meeting-agenda-papers-271022-public.pdf>