

Ref: FOI/00079/CMICB
27 September 2022

Your Request:

1) Details of any discount, rebate or reimbursement your organisation receives in respect of Blood Glucose Testing Strips

Our Response:

1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have any discounts, rebates or reimbursements in respect of Blood Glucose Testing Strips.

Your Request:

2) A copy of and or a link to your current blood glucose testing formulary/ recommended blood glucose meters/strips

Our Response:

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. Please find listed below the current blood glucose testing formulary/ recommended blood glucose meters/strips from these two formularies:

Cheshire Formulary

Please find listed below a link to the 'Cheshire Blood Glucose Monitoring Guidance' which is available on the Cheshire Formulary website:

<https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/files/Blood%20Glucose%20Monitoring%20Guidance%20-%20August%202021.pdf?UNLID=2527295542022920165635>

Pan Mersey Formulary

Blood glucose formulary:

<http://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=6&SubSectionRef=06.01.06&SubSectionID=A100>

Blood glucose testing strip guidelines:

https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/2245/blood_glucose.pdf?UNLID=93056271020229617047

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB will continue to adopt and operate the former CCG approved formulary prescribing recommendations above until a formal review of the recommendations is undertaken. 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/>

Your Request:

- 3) The planned date to next review your blood glucose meters/strips formulary**
- 4) The name(s), contact email address(es) and telephone numbers of the person(s) in your organisation who are responsible for blood glucose meter/strip formulary/recommendations within your organisation**
- 5) How will the formulary review be managed, what will be included in the process and anticipated timelines for completion?**
- 6) Are you working with any other CCG's/PCO's who will be part of this process or who will adopt the same Formulary? If so, please provide the names of these areas and the contact name, email address and telephone number for the person with responsibility for blood glucose meters**

Our Response:

3 - 6) Work is underway to form a single Cheshire & Merseyside Area Prescribing Committee which in turn will consider a single formulary for use across the Cheshire & Merseyside region. The process and timelines for completion of the forming of the new committee are yet to be agreed. NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB does not have a specific person responsible for blood glucose meter/strip formulary recommendations.