Healthier Lancashire & South Cumbria

JOINT COMMITTEE OF CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS

Title of Paper	Aligning the Lancashire and South Cumbria Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus with NHS England's criteria for Flash Glucose Monitoring: An update paper for the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCGs)		
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Purpose of the Report	Please tick as appropriate	
	For Information	
	For Discussion	
	For Decision	√
Executive Summary	A revised version of the *Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus* has been produced in response to guidance from NHS England (NHSE) regarding national arrangements for the funding of flash glucose monitors for relevant diabetes patients. The policy was ratified on behalf of the JCCCGs by the Independent Chair and the Integrated Care System's (ICS's) Executive Director of Commissioning on 28 March 2019 under Chair's actions. This paper outlines the basis for the changes made to the policy.	
Recommendations	That the JCCCGs endorse the ratification of the *Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus*	
Next Steps	The Commissioning Policy Development and Implementation Working Group (CPDIG) will continue to support Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to embed the policy in clinical practice.	

Equality Impact & Risk Assessment Completed	**Yes**	No	Not Applicable
Patient and Public Engagement Completed	Yes	**No**	Not Applicable
Financial Implications	**Yes**	No	Not Applicable
NHSE will reimburse CCGs for the cost of Flash Glucose Monitor sensors supplied to			

patients who meet the national criteria via an uplift to CCG resource allocation limits. Further information regarding the process is supplied in the paper.		
Risk Identified	Yes	**No**
If Yes : Risk		
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An update paper for the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCGs)

1. Introduction

1.1 NHSE published national guidance on 07 March 2019 titled, "*Flash Glucose Monitoring: National Arrangements for Funding of Relevant Diabetes Patients".* This stipulated that, from 01 April 2019, NHS England will reimburse Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for the cost of Flash Glucose Monitor sensors supplied to type 1 diabetes patients who satisfy the national criteria outlined in that document. The amendments referred to below that have been made to the *Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus* have been made in response to this guidance.

1.2 At their meeting on 07 March 2019 the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (JCCCGs) indicated that, if the national criteria for the provision of these devices were less restrictive than the local criteria, the Lancashire and South Cumbria policy should be amended to ensure patients are not disadvantaged. JCCCGs delegated authority to their Independent Chair and the ICS Executive Director of Commissioning to authorise the amended policy for implementation from 1 April 2019.

2. Review Process

2.1 A review of the variation between the NHSE criteria and the local policy was undertaken by the Commissioning Policy Development and Implementation Working Group (CPDIG) on 21 March 2019. On that occasion the group concluded that as the local policy was more restrictive than the NHSE criteria, several changes were required to the local policy to align it with the national guidance.

2.2 The revised Lancashire and South Cumbria *Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus* was approved by the Independent Chair and the ICS Executive Director of Commissioning on behalf of all eight CCGs on 28 March 2019. The paper outlining the changes made to the Lancashire and South Cumbria commissioning policy and details of the national funding stream that was produced to facilitate that decision is available to view via the following link:

https://csucloudservices.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CSU/IFR/Edtg6M0ib-hDr6ydK9v572YBZU-u9zhndsI2luvi1grFKA?e=aZIwsR

2.3 The stage two EIA[1] has been updated to reflect the revised criteria; no equality risks were identified. Communication regarding the changes has taken place with stakeholders across the ICS, including primary and secondary care services and patients. The updated policy has also been shared with Healthier Lancashire and

South Cumbria Care Professionals Board to ensure senior clinical support is provided to embed the changes in clinical practice. The final policy is available to view via the following link:

https://csucloudservices.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CSU/IFR/EWtDUGJ0A5tAuGcLoNzqbT0B_BxpjGTiaZFVxv3zLTlgWQ?e=j0FxAR

3. Conclusion

3.1 The JCCCGs is asked to endorse the decision of the Independent Chair and the ICS Executive Director of Commissioning to ratify the updated *Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus*

Elaine Johnstone, Chair of the CPDIG
22 April 2019

References

1. Equality Impact Risk Assessment Stage 2 for Policies, Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring Devices and Flash Glucose Monitoring Devices https://csucloudservices.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CSU/IFR/EaeVBaOrhJhIrJw5BYUNVnwBO1HuTq0OwVUgdotyaL-4vQ?e=oSXGMW