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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the use of blood glucose meters/test strips within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

- 1) Does the CCG have a preferred list or guidelines for cost effective blood glucose meters/test strips for use by patients with diabetes?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG follow Pan Mersey area Prescribing Committee (APC) guidance.

- 2) Could I please have a copy of such a list?

https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/1173/bloodglucosemeters_201605_g23_v0205.pdf?UNLID=306986837201810811487

- 3) When are these guidelines for type diabetes meters/ test strips due/likely to be up for review? for type 2 and for type 1 ... Month / year ?

A review of the guidance is soon to be undertaken via the APC.

- 4) The contact details of the panel of people involved responsible for it's review, i.e.
 - Diabetes specialist nurse - name and email address
 - Consultants name and email address
 - Medicines management team name and email address
 - Any Primary Care Team that will be involved their names and email address's

As the review will be done via the APC, full consultation with the membership of the APC will take place. This will include the CCGs, community services and Acute Trusts detailed in the current membership at <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/>

- 5) how does a company become involved in such a review?

Companies would not be involved in the review but would be able to send information relevant to the review. The APC can be contacted via the contact us link at <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/>

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

Rebate schemes are an agreement between individual CCGs and companies rather than the APC.

- 7) would the reviewing organisation be open to a rebate scheme if there was one on offer?

The APC does not consider rebate schemes in their reviews.