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Prescribing update for general practitioners, nurses and pharmacists

Locally preferred Insulin pen needles

BD Viva[®]

GlucoRx finepoint[®]

Neon Verifine[®]

South Sefton (SS) and Southport & Formby (S&F) CCGs currently spend £160,000 annually on insulin pen needles. These range in cost from approximately £4 to £15 per 100 pen needles.

Following a review of the insulin needles being prescribed locally, a decision has been made to move to a more cost effective choice of needles. It is recommended that new and existing patients currently prescribed insulin pen needles costing more than £6 per 100 needles be moved to one of the preferred choice needles (see below).

This change could save SS CCG £50,000 and S&F CCG £27,000 annually.

The local community and hospital diabetes specialist nurses have been involved with this review and have advised us on appropriate choices which are compatible with all current insulin pens and prefilled devices.

Preferred Choice	Cost (quantity)
BD Viva [®]	£3.64(90)
GlucoRx finepoint [®]	£5.95(100)
Neon Verifine [®]	£4.50(100)

The Medicines management team will be facilitating these changes starting in May 2018.

For further information please contact your practice medicines management team.