

NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group

Operational Executive – 14th September

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Primary Care Committee - 10th October 2018

NHS Rotherham CCG commissioned Community Pharmacy Local Enhanced Service.

Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Meters (SMBG). Reviewing, and educating patients on SMBG meters that do not comply with current ISO standards.

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Purpose:

To inform PCC of a proposed Community Pharmacy Locally Enhanced Services to be funded from the budget re-allocated from the retired Minor Aliments Scheme (MAS).

- Community Pharmacy Blood Glucose Meter Review Local Enhanced Service (LES)

Background:

In 2016 NHS Rotherham CCG's Medicines Management Team (MMT) implemented a Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Monitoring Formulary for Type 2 Diabetes, with the aim to review all Type 2 diabetic patients and switch them over to a formulary meter where appropriate.

The formulary has been produced in collaboration with TRFT. Diabetes services, acute and community services are all recommending and supplying the same blood glucose meters.

The formulary meters are also compliant with the most recent ISO standards.

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/blood-glucose-meters/iso-accuracy-standards.html>

The standardisation of blood glucose meters allows health care staff to offer greater support to patients as they become more familiar with the more limited range of meters (Over 40 different devices are in use across Rotherham). The formulary allows patients a choice from a limited range, thereby ensuring that the meter that the patient chooses is suitable for the patient's needs. The formulary also delivers a cost reduction to the CCG.

Over the last two years the MMT have run a large number of blood glucose swap shops in mostly in GP practices but also in other locations. Practice nurses, Rotherham diabetic specialist nurses and acute services are also all initiating newly diagnosed patients on a formulary diabetes self-monitoring meter. Previously patients were supplied a meter from "free stock" supplied either to TRFT or the practice. Blood glucose meters cannot be prescribed on the NHS, they are supplied free to patients from the manufacturer. The consumables are allowed on prescription and the cost of these covers the cost of the meter.

In 2017/18 NHS Rotherham CCG spent £822,740 on self-monitoring of blood glucose this is an -8.63% reduction on 2016/17.

51% of SMBG equipped prescribed in Rotherham costs less than £10/item this compares well against other SYB CCGs but national data would indicate that there is an opportunity for further

cost efficiencies.

CCG	% of SBGM equipment that costs less than £10/item
Bassetlaw	31%
Doncaster	38%
Sheffield	38%
Rotherham	51%
Barnsley	52%
Yorks & Humber	54%
England	57%
Wakefield	72%

Analysis of key issues and of risks

The practiced based meter-swap sessions have been very successful however, it is recognised that this will not reach all of the Rotherham diabetic community.

Extending the programme to community pharmacies may extend the reach of the reviews and result in a greater number of Rotherham’s diabetic population reviving a SBGM that complies with the latest ISO standards and is cost effective, This scheme will be self-financing.

Patient, Public and Stakeholder Involvement:

None.

Equality Impact:

None.

Financial Implications:

The community pharmacy will receive a payment of £50 for every patient successfully switched to a formulary blood glucose meter.

Bases of payment structure.

Average cost of non-formulary SBGM	= £15/item/month
Average cost a formulary meter SBGM	= £9/item/month
Annual cost efficiency	= £72

The £50/successful switch = 62% of the potential annual saving. Typical gain share agreements with acute trusts allow the acute trust to retain 80% of the annual saving for switching a patient to a preferred drug for the first year only.

The fee also recognises that the community pharmacist will have to engage with number of patients and not all will agree to a product switch.

Human Resource Implications:

None

Procurement:

None

Approval history:

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Recommendations:

PPC supports the proposal for the NHS Rotherham CCG to commission community pharmacies to switch patients, to a formulary blood glucose meter.