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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4617

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th February 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1. Do you have any guidelines or formularies in place which govern the use of patient blood glucose monitoring meters at the point of care?

If yes please provide the details of these guidelines.

No we don't have any formal guidelines or formularies . We are currently reviewing policies / procedures in relation to diabetes care to align with wider services.

Staff receive training on the use of the blood glucose monitoring meters and once they have had this training they receive the password for the device . They are then assessed in practice; if they do not use the device for at least 6 patients within 12 months, their password is deactivated as they are deemed to be out of competence. Internal Quality control checks take place daily before the meters are used. External Quality control checks are coordinated through the Trusts Neurosciences Laboratory.

2. Do you have any guidelines or formularies in place which govern the use of patient blood ketone monitoring meters at the point of care?

If yes please provide the details of these guidelines.

No; we do not have blood ketone monitoring meters.

3. From the options below, please indicate the closest proportion of consolidated blood glucose and ketone meters in use at your site as compared to separate meters:

10% consolidated meters vs 90% separate meters

25% consolidated meters vs 75% separate meters

50% consolidated meters vs 50% separate meters

75% consolidated meters vs 25 % separate meters

o 90% consolidated meters vs 10% separate meters

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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