

Prescribing Memo

Blood Glucose Testing Meters – update

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- **With the support of the CCG prescribing committees, NECS issued a series of resources during March to support practices in switching appropriate patients with diabetes to the new, APC approved, blood glucose testing meters. After discussions with the Paediatric Diabetic Service at Co Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, it has become apparent that some children and young people with type 1 diabetes, managed through their service, have had their meters switched. In light of the issued raised concerning children with type 1 diabetes, practices are encouraged to switch only type 2 patients initially, and then type 1 adult patients only after careful consideration and discussion with the relevant diabetic specialists. Given the complexities of care, children would not be considered suitable for switching unless recommended by the paediatric diabetic service that operates in your area.**
- **You may be aware of a concern raised about the accuracy of one of the four approved meters. All four of the meters have met national quality standards and initial investigations have failed to show any significant issue. It is therefore recommended that practices continue switching appropriate patients to one of the four recommended meters. If any further information comes to light then an update will follow.**