

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2223/113

**Subject:** rtCGM Funding

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. When will your ICB approve the funding for rtCGM?	Our BNSSG clinical pathway for the use of diabetes technologies in all patients with type 1 diabetes has been updated to incorporate the use of rtCGM following the publication of the NICE guidelines. <a href="https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/formulary">https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/formulary</a>
2. Why, 7 Months on from the NICE guidance (Best practice) is the funding under your ICB still unavailable to Families?	Our BNSSG clinical pathway for the use of diabetes technologies in all patients with type 1 diabetes was approved in October 2022. Unlike NICE technology appraisals where there is a mandate to fund and a timeframe to implement, the NICE clinical guidelines do not have a funding or implementation mandate. The NICE guidance that was updated with respect to CGM is a clinical guideline. Patients with type 1 diabetes will have the opportunity to discuss rtCGM options with their specialist team at their next routine visit or sooner if the clinical need arises.
3. Hundreds of Families across the UK are "Self Funding rtCGM" at a cost of £150pm and up, Will your ICB put in place a recourse for them to be able to claim these costs back once funding is released.	BNSSG ICB has not planned to put in place recourse for families who have self-funded rtCGM to be able to claim costs back.

<p>4. Why is there no clear and concise protocol across all IBC Regions that ensures every area is working with cohesion to deliver on updated guidance across all of their trusts?</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB has worked with stakeholders across the system to update our diabetes technology pathway to include hospitals and community services. In addition to this, members of our team have also been part of a South West Regional Diabetes Network programme that has supported implementation across our region. This work programme is supporting safe and equitable access to CGM.</p>
<p>5. Will there be an independent investigation into why Children and families are being forced into poverty to self fund vital medical technologies the breadth and width of the UK?</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB does not have plans to undertake an independent investigation.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 November 2022 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nurse for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***