



West Yorkshire & Harrogate (WY&H) Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups
Summary of key decisions - Meeting in public, Tuesday 2 July 2019

Flash glucose monitoring
<p>The Committee considered a WY&H commissioning policy for flash glucose monitors. These are small sensors worn on the skin for monitoring the glucose levels of people with diabetes. They reduce the need for 'finger prick' testing.</p> <p>In March 2019, NHS England issued new guidance for CCGs around the funding of flash glucose monitoring for some people with type 1 diabetes, together with details of additional funding that would be available. Two amendments to the national guidance were proposed for adoption in WY&H. These amendments clarified how 'improvement' in blood sugar control would be assessed and enabled monitors to be prescribed when they might prevent the need for an insulin pump.</p> <p>The Joint Committee noted a slight difference in the commissioning policy for NHS Leeds CCG and NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG. In Leeds and Harrogate, flash glucose monitoring is currently available for some women with diabetes who are planning to become pregnant and for some additional women with diabetes during pregnancy. The Joint Committee endorsed the advice of the Clinical Forum that Leeds and Harrogate maintain their existing policy position and evaluate the impact over the next 12 months.</p>
<p>The Joint Committee: Agreed to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the national position for prescribing Flash Glucose Monitoring systems across WY&H with the addition of 2 amendments. Adopt the approach to prescribing Flash Glucose Monitoring systems in NHS Leeds CCG and NHS Harrogate and Rural Districts CCG for the cohorts of women described Adopt the proposal for data collection in Leeds and Harrogate for the additional cohorts of women and evaluate the data to determine a single position for prescribing Flash Glucose Monitoring systems across WY&H.
Quality and Equality Impact Assessment (QEIA)
<p>The Committee reviewed a six-month evaluation of the WY&H 'do once and share' approach to QEIA. The approach brought together tools already in use in the WY&H CCGs with current best practice. It was supported by a policy framework and a user guide which provided step by step instruction on how to use the tool and complete an assessment.</p> <p>The approach had been applied successfully to a range of commissioning policies which had subsequently been approved by the Joint Committee. A number of steps have been identified to further improve the approach, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthening the focus on reducing health inequalities in accordance with our wider strategy arranging a learning and development session with all Quality and Equality leads working with partners to further develop the tool so that it can be used across the wider health and social care sector.
<p>The Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the QEIA approach to be used for all the work programmes covered by the Joint Committee work plan. Recommended that the approach be used, in partnership with providers, for all major changes across the Health and Care Partnership.