

# Diabetes LES Meeting 2

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
1.00pm – 3.00pm

Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick – ICS Clinical Lead, Diabetes & Obesity; & Co-Clinical Lead CVD Prevention





# Housekeeping

To make the most of our time, we'll be using our 4 house rules:

1. **We will be using chat to hear from you today.** We are really keen to hear your views & queries.
2. **We're asking everyone to stay on mute.** If we have a chance for verbal contributions, please let us know via chat & we will let you know when it's time to unmute.
3. **We still want your views after the meeting!** If you have further comments to make, please contact [cpicb.communityltc@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.communityltc@nhs.net)
4. **Whenever possible, please do have your video on** – although virtual sessions are often convenient, we miss out on making connections with you & would be great to 'meet you' here!
5. **Please let us know who you are via chat** - eg Full name, Practice or PCN that you are representing, & role.

# Agenda Diabetes LES meeting 2

## 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 1.00pm – 3.00pm



No	Item	Time	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	1.00pm – 1.05pm	Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick
2.	Performance update	1.05pm – 1.20pm	Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick
3.	QOF requirements and suggestions for achievement	1.35pm – 1.50pm	Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick
4.	The importance of B12: To test or not to test?	1.50pm – 2.20pm	Mr Julian Owen
6.	Vascular Disease in the patients with Diabetes	2.20pm – 2.50pm	Mr Andrew Busuttil, Mr Gail Curran
7.	Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Date of CVD meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023</li></ul>	2.50pm – 3.00pm	Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick

# As a Community Colleague – you are a 'Service User'

- what works well?
- what doesn't work well?
- what ideas have you got for improvements?



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# Eclipse

- *Data*





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Overview

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NHS Performance ▾

Medications ▾

Action Plan

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All Practices ▾

All Diabetes ▾

53,870 (5.3%) with Diabetes

46% with all 8 care processes completed in rolling 12M Rank 32/74

18% with all 8 care processes completed in current QOF Year Rank 36/74

28% in range for all 3 treatment standards Rank 34/74

203,784 / 430,960 (47.3%) Total Tests Completed in current QOF Year Rank 26/74

# QoF Register - Requests



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
<b>Records</b>		
DM017. The contractor establishes and maintains a register of all patients aged 17 or over with diabetes mellitus, which specifies the type of diabetes where a diagnosis has been confirmed	6	N/A

## Eclipse Live

**SEARCH PARAMETERS**

[Reset Search Page](#) Surgery:  Search by Patient Ref:

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# Dual Diagnoses >1000 patients

– please check your coding processes

## Endocrine

09 Dec 22	C10B.	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
28 Oct 15	C10..	Diabetes mellitus
21 Dec 06	C10F.	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
26 Nov 03	C324.	Hyperlipidaemia NOS
01 Nov 91	C320.	Pure hypercholesterolaemia

# Dual Diagnoses – Common Errors



**Insulin dependent  
should NOT be coded  
for those with Type 2  
Diabetes**

## Endocrine

10 Nov 21	C10B.	Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
10 Nov 21	C10E.	<b>Type 1 diabetes mellitus</b>
06 Dec 17	C10I.	Diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis
26 Feb 16	C10F.	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
15 Feb 16	C10..	Diabetes mellitus

# 8 Care Processes Undertaken as of September - 23

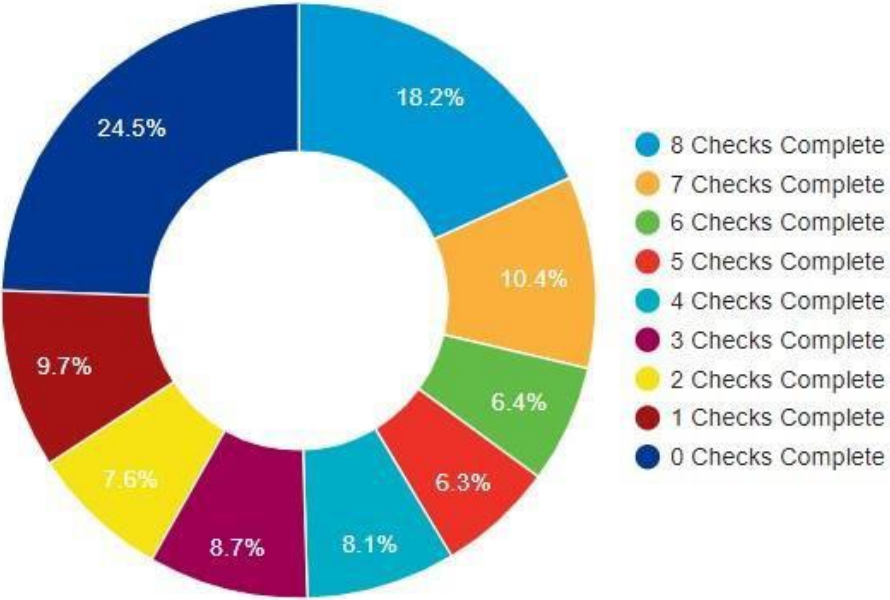
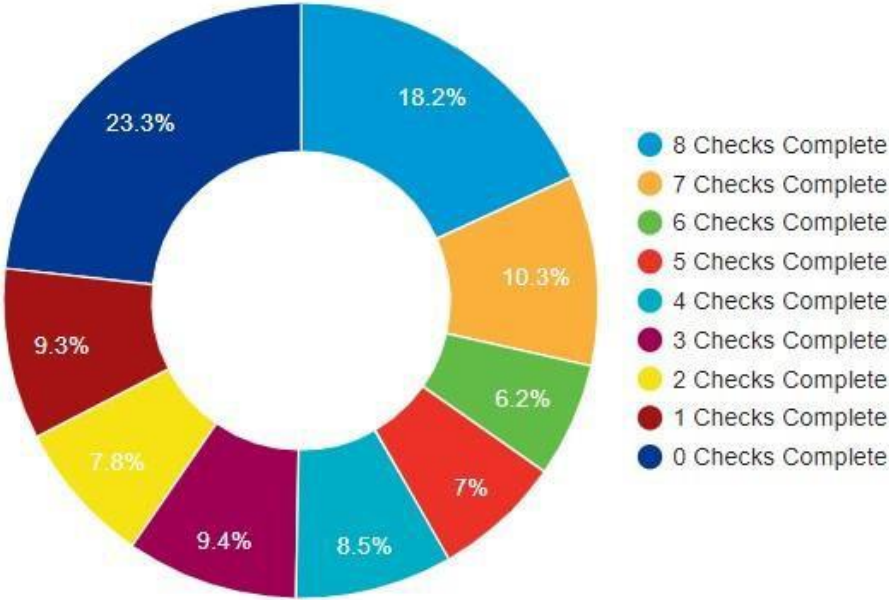


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8 Care Processes (2023/24) ▾

National ▾

8 Care Processes (2023/24) ▾





# Average PCN 8CP Achievement as of September-23

**Congratulations to:**  
**Cantab PCN 29.4 %**  
**A1 Network PCN 22.8%**  
**Ely South PCN 21.1%**  
**Central & Thistlemoor PCN 20.6%**

National Average – 18.2 %  
 ICB Average – 18.2 %

Name	Pop	Cord Count	Screen Count	Screen %	Rank
NATIONAL	27494237	1334545	279548	18.2%	
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	1000902	53868	9792	18.2%	35 /74
Cantab PCN	54608	1190	330	29.4%	40 /22
A1 Network PCN	49900	2541	580	22.8%	111 /22
Ely South PCN	39312	2208	465	21.1%	150 /22
Central and Thistlemoor PCN	53308	2388	491	20.6%	166 /22
South Peterborough PCN	69452	3994	795	19.9%	189 /22
Granta PCN	54990	2833	538	19.7%	197 /22
South Fenland PCN	27283	1997	387	19.4%	211 /22
Ely North PCN	39286	2459	471	19.2%	219 /22
Peterborough & East PCN	60633	4038	773	19.1%	221 /22
BMC Paston PCN	43486	3214	615	19.1%	222 /22
Huntingdon PCN	44801	2971	488	19.0%	230 /22
Cambridge City PCN	49872	2901	489	18.8%	241 /22
Cambridge City 4 PCN	38908	2097	371	17.7%	269 /22
Meridian PCN	37530	1869	329	17.6%	272 /22
St Neots PCN	44848	2201	388	17.5%	276 /22
Cambridge Northern Villages PCN	49316	2228	378	17.0%	295 /22
Fenland PCN	29405	2334	422	16.7%	307 /22
Bretton Park and Hampton	31449	1820	287	14.1%	400 /22
CAM Medical PCN	48073	881	124	14.1%	401 /22
St Ives PCN	48024	2729	382	14.0%	402 /22
Peterborough Partnerships PCN	31440	1902	248	13.0%	429 /22
Wisbech PCN	48982	3673	483	12.9%	457 /22

# Practice 8CP Achievement as of September - 23



**Congratulations to:**  
**Red House Surgery 41.6%**  
**Papworth Surgery 34.9%**  
**Kimbolton Medical Centre 31.2%**  
**Bourn Surgery 31.1%**  
**Great Staughton Surgery 29.8%**

National Average – 18.2 %  
 ICB Average – 18.2 %

RED HOUSE SURGERY	22264	505	210	<div><div></div></div>	41.6%	1 / 99
PAPWORTH SURGERY	7104	384	134	<div><div></div></div>	34.9%	2 / 99
KIMBOLTON MEDICAL CENTRE	6921	359	112	<div><div></div></div>	31.2%	3 / 99
BOURN SURGERY	6343	322	100	<div><div></div></div>	31.1%	4 / 99
GREAT STAUGHTON SURGERY	4533	289	86	<div><div></div></div>	29.8%	5 / 99
FENLAND GROUP PRACTICE	10630	871	254	<div><div></div></div>	29.2%	6 / 99
BUCKDEN SURGERY	10080	588	162	<div><div></div></div>	27.6%	7 / 99
THISTLEMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE	27728	1167	314	<div><div></div></div>	26.9%	8 / 99
WANSFORD	9908	490	130	<div><div></div></div>	26.5%	9 / 99
RAMSEY HEALTH CENTRE	7035	616	163	<div><div></div></div>	26.5%	10 / 99
CATHEDRAL MEDICAL CENTRE	11159	513	135	<div><div></div></div>	26.3%	11 / 99
WELLSIDE SURGERY	7910	519	136	<div><div></div></div>	26.2%	12 / 99
BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE	5621	340	88	<div><div></div></div>	25.9%	13 / 99
OVER SURGERY	4545	241	62	<div><div></div></div>	25.7%	14 / 99
HADDENHAM SURGERY	7181	470	109	<div><div></div></div>	23.2%	15 / 99
MONKFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE	12306	384	89	<div><div></div></div>	23.2%	16 / 99
MILL ROAD SURGERY	7819	275	63	<div><div></div></div>	22.9%	17 / 99
FIRS HOUSE SURGERY	12615	609	134	<div><div></div></div>	22.0%	18 / 99
HUNTINGDON ROAD SURGERY	21337	550	120	<div><div></div></div>	21.8%	19 / 99
THOMAS WALKER WESTGATE HEALTHCARE	25292	1573	339	<div><div></div></div>	21.6%	20 / 99



# 8CP: Foot Examination



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM012. The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, with a record of a foot examination and risk classification: 1) low risk (normal sensation, palpable pulses), 2) increased risk (neuropathy or absent pulses), 3) high risk (neuropathy or absent pulses plus deformity or skin changes in previous ulcer) or 4) ulcerated foot within the preceding 12 months	4	50–90%

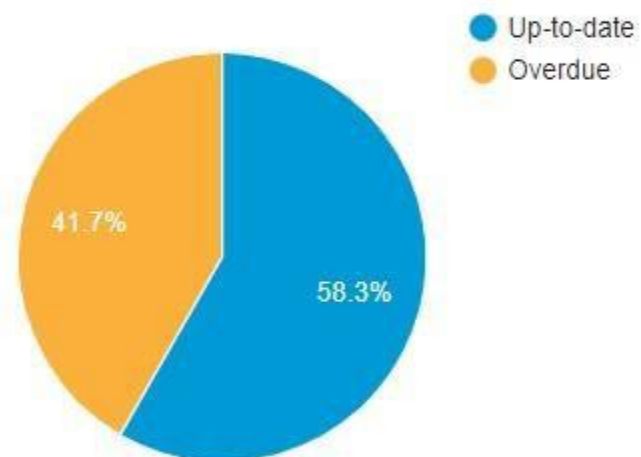
# 8CP: Urine ACR



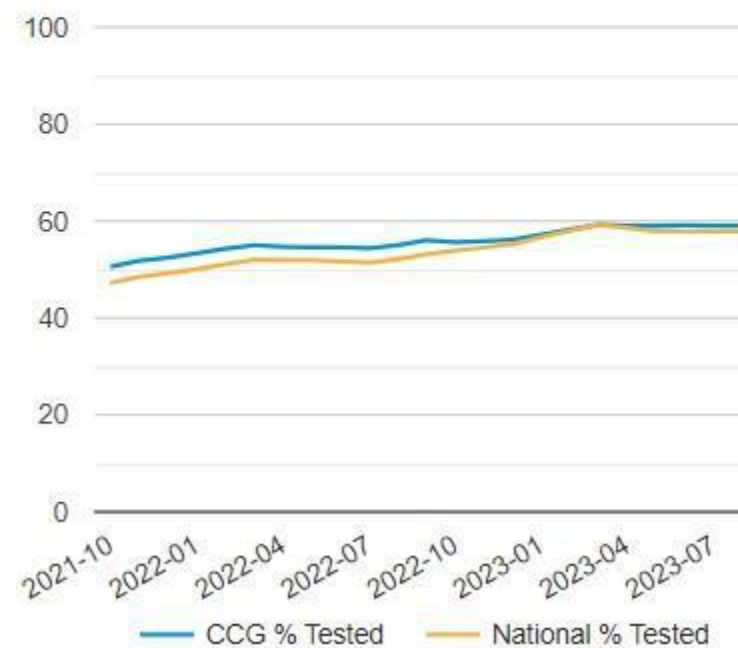
ACR

Patient Screening ▾

CCG - ACR (Rolling 12m) - % Patients Tested



ACR (Rolling 12m) - % Patients Tested



# Urine ACR Achievement as of September-23



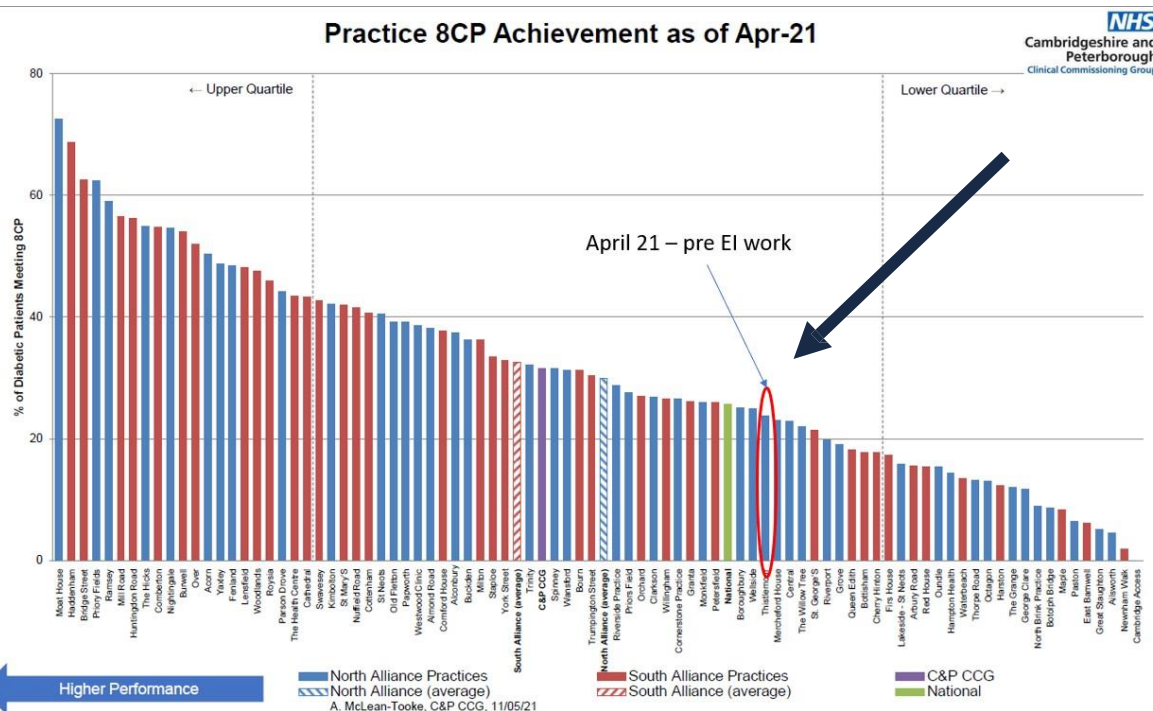
Name	Pop	Cond Count	In Range Count	In Range %	Rank
NATIONAL	27504494	1535478	735750	47.9%	
NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG	1006879	53870	26115	48.5%	37 /74
St Ives PCN	46031	2729	1988	72.8%	3 /552
Ely South PCN	39309	2207	1591	72.1%	5 /552
Cantab PCN	54626	1193	857	71.8%	6 /552
A1 Network PCN	45895	2543	1806	71.0%	10 /552
Ely North PCN	39283	2458	1738	70.7%	14 /552
St Neots PCN	44846	2201	1541	70.0%	21 /552
Cambridge City 4 PCN	56911	2098	1457	69.4%	29 /552
South Fenland PCN	27283	1997	1370	68.6%	36 /552
CAM Medical PCN	48075	881	603	68.4%	38 /552
Huntingdon PCN	44800	2571	1758	68.4%	40 /552
Cambridge Northern Villages PCN	49285	2229	1518	68.1%	45 /552
Granta PCN	54988	2833	1908	67.3%	53 /552
Meridian PCN	37530	1867	1256	67.3%	57 /552
Cambridge City PCN	49867	2501	1636	65.4%	85 /552
Central and Thistle Moor PCN	53308	2388	764	32.0%	447 /552
Fenland PCN	29404	2534	749	29.6%	459 /552
South Peterborough PCN	69455	3994	913	22.9%	518 /552
Peterborough & East PCN	60633	4038	793	19.6%	542 /552
Wisbech PCN	48977	3672	697	19.0%	544 /552
Peterborough Partnerships PCN	31440	1902	343	18.0%	546 /552
Bretton Park and Hampton	31448	1820	307	16.9%	549 /552
BMC Paston PCN	43485	3214	522	16.2%	550 /552



# Successful QIP 8 Care Processes using Eclipse at Practice Level



Practice 8CP Achievement as of Apr-21

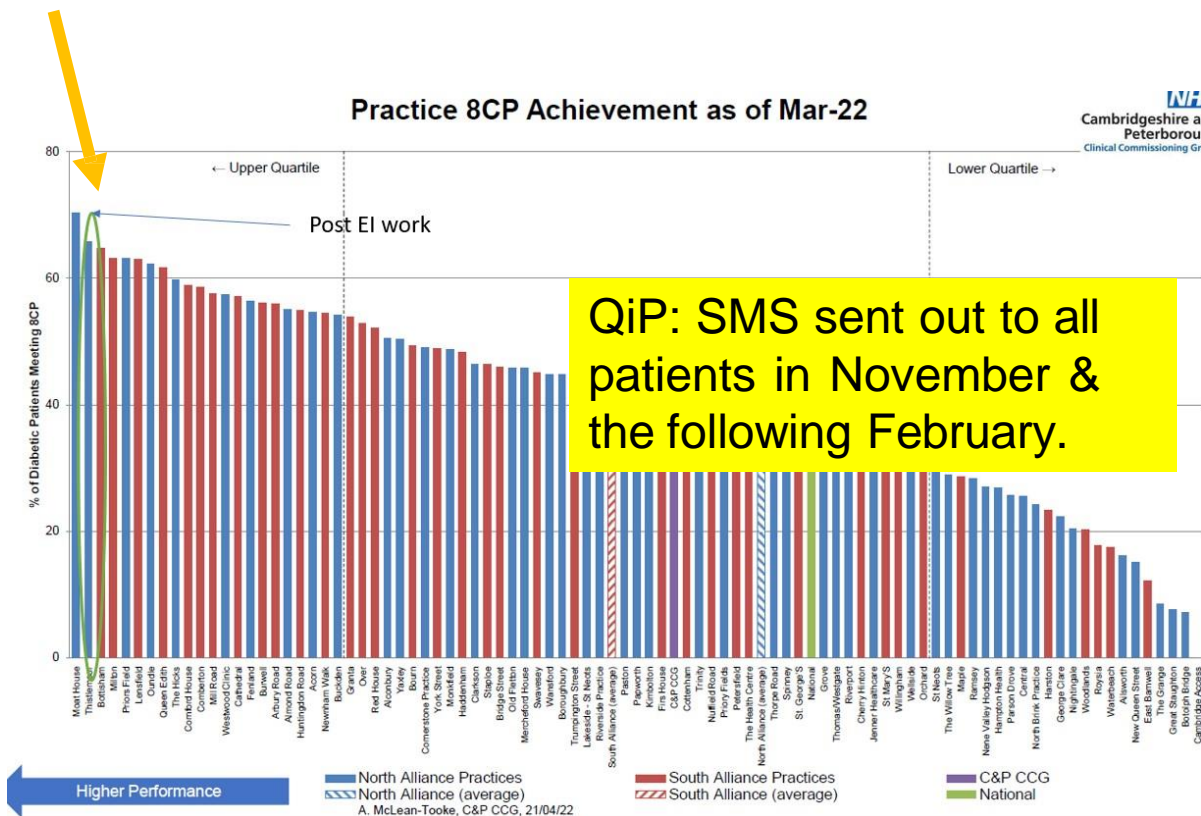


950 Patients with Diabetes at a Deep End Practice.

**March/April 2021:** 25% delivery of 8 care processes.

60th/84 practices in the CCG.

Practice 8CP Achievement as of Mar-22



Using Eclipse & Practice HCAs:

**March 2022:** 65% delivery of 8 care processes.

2nd in the CCG.



## Healthy IO Update as of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

- Rolled out in 2 PCN's – CAM Medical & St Ives
- 255 patients have been sent kits
- 64 patients have used the kits

# Holistic Care: Treatment of Nephropathy



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
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Ongoing management		
DM006. The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, with a diagnosis of nephropathy (clinical proteinuria) or micro-albuminuria who are currently treated with an ACE-I (or ARBs)	3	57–97%

Kidney disease using GFR and ACR categories

of	ACR categories (mg/mmol), description and range		
	<3 Normal to mildly increased	3–30 Moderately increased	>30 Severely increased
	A1	A2	A3
1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage		

## Treatment of CKD includes:

- CODING
- ACE-I or ARBs
- Statin - Atorvastatin 20mg ON
- Antiplatelet (consider)

GFR categories (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> ), description and range	Normal and high				
	60–89 Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult	G2			
	45–59 Mild–moderate reduction	G3a <sup>1</sup>			
	30–44 Moderate–severe reduction	G3b			
	15–29 Severe reduction	G4			
	<15 Kidney failure	G5			
Increasing risk					





Quick Action Plans	Total Patients	Total Patients needing tests	% Patients needing test	
Phase 1: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 1 test is required and previous test was normal	53868	2769	5.14%	<a href="#">View</a>
Phase 2: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 2 tests are required and previous tests were normal	53868	2696	5%	<a href="#">View</a>
Phase 3: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 3 tests are required and previous tests were normal	53868	5024	9.33%	<a href="#">View</a>
Phase 4: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 3 tests are required and 2 previous tests were normal	53868	6114	11.35%	<a href="#">View</a>
Phase 5: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 3 tests are required and 1 previous test was normal	53868	3403	6.32%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with HbA1c >= 59	53868	21845	40.55%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with BP >= 140/80	53868	19578	36.34%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with Cholesterol >= 5	53868	12255	22.75%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with only smoking status required as 8th key care process	53868	521	0.97%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with only weight required as 8th key care process	53868	318	0.59%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with only ACR required as 8th key care process	53868	3401	6.31%	<a href="#">View</a>
Patients with only blood pressure required as 8th key care process	53868	131	0.24%	<a href="#">View</a>



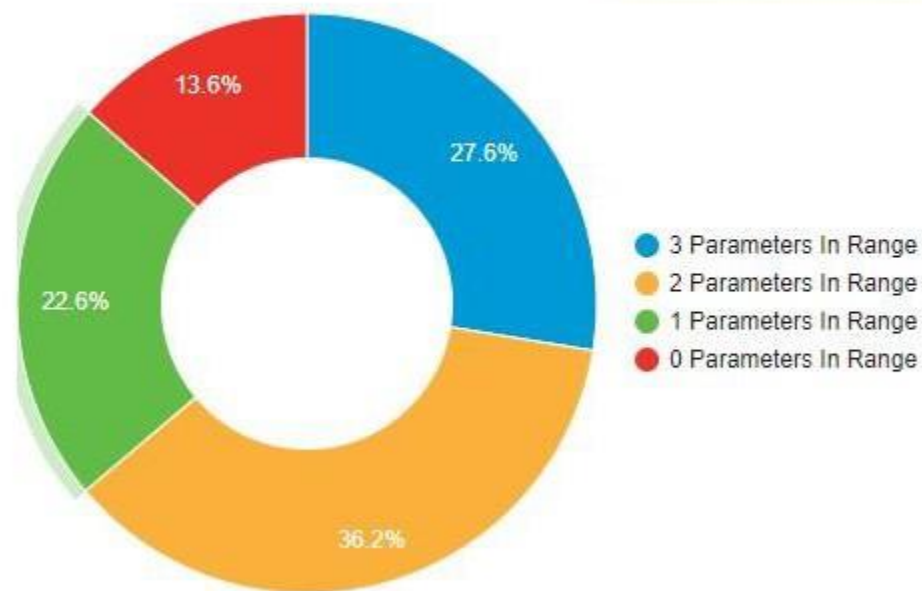
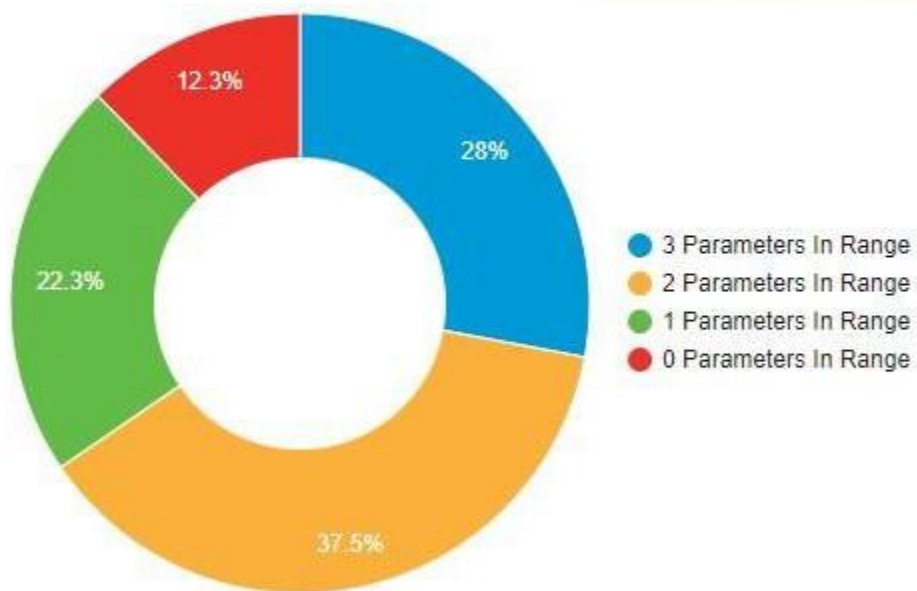
# 3TT's as of September - 2023

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3 Treatment Standards (2023/24) ▾

National ▾

3 Treatment Standards (2023/24) ▾






# Average PCN 3TT Achievement as of September-23

**Congratulations to:**  
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**St Neots PCN 29.3%**  
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Cambridge City PCN	49867	2501	688	27.5%	266 /552
Granta PCN	54988	2833	779	27.5%	269 /552
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BMC Paston PCN	43485	3214	846	26.3%	336 /552
Central and Thistlemoor PCN	53308	2388	600	25.1%	407 /552
CAM Medical PCN	48075	881	217	24.6%	432 /552
Peterborough & East PCN	60633	4038	988	24.5%	437 /552
Bretton Park and Hampton	31448	1820	380	20.9%	529 /552

# Practice 3TT Achievement as of September - 23



**Congratulations to:**  
**St. Georges Medical Centre 44.4%**  
**Ailsworth Medical Centre 39.6%**  
**St Mary's Surgery 38.1%**  
**Trinity Surgery 38.1%**  
**Moat House Surgery 36.5%**

**National Average – 27.5 %**  
**ICB Average – 27.9% %**

ST. GEORGE'S MEDICAL CENTRE	11805	849	377	<div><div></div></div> 44.4%	1 / 88
AILSWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE	3826	192	76	<div><div></div></div> 39.6%	2 / 88
ST MARY'S SURGERY	16320	1097	418	<div><div></div></div> 38.1%	3 / 88
TRINITY SURGERY	12252	767	292	<div><div></div></div> 38.1%	4 / 88
MOAT HOUSE SURGERY	7293	543	198	<div><div></div></div> 36.5%	5 / 88
OUNDLE	10032	513	184	<div><div></div></div> 35.9%	6 / 88
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MILTON SURGERY	4644	217	76	<div><div></div></div> 35.0%	9 / 88
CLARKSON SURGERY	9777	912	319	<div><div></div></div> 35.0%	10 / 88
ALCONBURY SURGERY	13600	671	233	<div><div></div></div> 34.7%	11 / 88
SWAVESEY SURGERY	3324	148	50	<div><div></div></div> 33.8%	12 / 88
NIGHTINGALE MEDICAL CENTRE	6405	440	145	<div><div></div></div> 33.0%	13 / 88
ACORN SURGERY	10595	536	175	<div><div></div></div> 32.6%	14 / 88
CATHEDRAL MEDICAL CENTRE	11158	512	166	<div><div></div></div> 32.4%	15 / 88

# 3TTs - Cholesterol, QRISK & Statins



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM023. The percentage of patients with diabetes and a history of cardiovascular disease (excluding haemorrhagic stroke) who are currently treated with a statin	2	50-90%

# CVDP009CHOL: Percentage of patients aged 18 and over with GP recorded CVD (narrow definition), who are currently treated with lipid lowering therapy.

**Area Breakdown:** All Practices within NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board  
March 2023

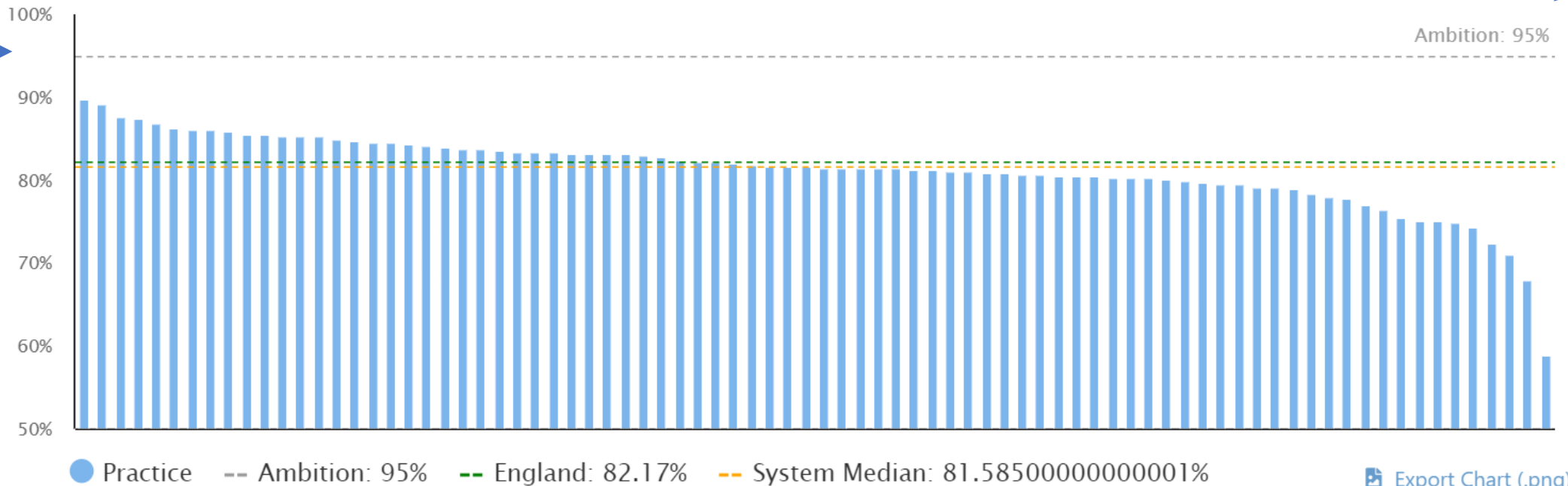
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Practice



# 3TTs - Cholesterol, QRISK & Statins



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM022. The percentage of patients with diabetes aged 40 years and over, with no history of cardiovascular disease and without moderate or severe frailty, who are currently treated with a statin (excluding patients with type 2 diabetes and a CVD risk score of <10% recorded in the preceding 3 years)	4	50-90%

# ECLIPSE DETECT

## Cambridge and Peterborough Statin Optimisation Programme



### Primary Objective

To target statin therapy for secondary & primary prevention in patient cohorts from deprived communities using Eclipse Population Health Tool.

#### Inclusion criteria

##### Secondary prevention dose:

- Those coded with ischaemic heart disease, stroke/TIA, peripheral arterial/vascular disease (age 25-84)

##### Primary prevention dose:

- Patients with T1DM (age  $\geq 40$ )
- Patients with CKD (age 25-84)
- Patients with QRISK3  $>10\%$ , including T2DM (age 25-84)

##### Bloods

- LFTs must be done in last 12 months and  $<3\times$  upper limit
- ALT  $<165$
- AST  $<144$
- IF TFTs done in last 12 months, T4 level must be  $>5$

#### Exclusion criteria:

- Currently on a statin
- Coded with:
  - statin contraindicated
  - adverse reaction/allergy to statin
  - statin declined in last 12 months
- Coded with chronic liver diseases and/or elevated liver enzyme profile
- Current pregnancy or breastfeeding

# 3TTs - BP



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM033. The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, without moderate or severe frailty in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the preceding 12 months) is 140/90 mmHg or less (or equivalent home blood pressure reading)	10	38-78%

Use BP@Home

Empower Patients – ask them for their readings!

Direct them to Community Pharmacy



## Neighbourhood Community Referrals

Community Referrals for practices in the Greater Peterborough Network.

Click on the Pink Spot to make a referral

Please ensure your practice has followed the [Setup Instructions](#)



### Referrals



#### HCA Home Visiting Service

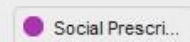
For housebound patients. Procedures include: Taking Blood, Blood Pressure Checks, Temperature, Pulse Rate, Pulse Oximetry, Urine Screening, Height, Weight, BMI, Diabetic Footchecks, Peak Flow

**THIS SERVICE IS ONLY AVAILABLE IF EXTENDED ACCESS HAS BEEN SUBCONTRACTED VIA GPN**



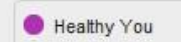
#### Social Prescribing and Health Coaches

Advice and support around social issues impacting on patients wellbeing, as well as referrals into your Health and Wellbeing Coach.



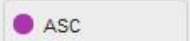
#### Healthy You, by EveryoneHealth

Smoking Cessation, Children's healthy lifestyle, Weight Management, Falls Prevention and more



#### Adult Social Care

Advice and info, Reablement, Therapy Services, Home Improvement, Aids and adaptations



#### Citizens Advice Peterborough

Quality advice on debts, benefits, housing, homelessness, relationships and employment and more

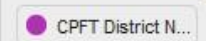


**NOTE:** These referrals should be made via Joy where possible. The existing referral is live as a backup to where Joy isn't accessible.



#### CPFT District Nurses

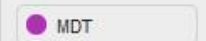
Assess, plan and provide nursing clinical care to those people who are often housebound due to ill health, either in their own home, or in a care home that does not provide nursing



### MDT

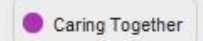
#### Multi Disciplinary Teams

Collaborative Management of a patient's care with Primary Care, Community and Voluntary Sector involvement

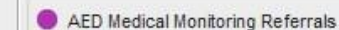


#### Caring Together

Support for any Carer to reduce isolation, maintain health and wellbeing and build skills, knowledge and resilience.



### NEW SERVICE



**Medical Monitoring for Adult Eating Disorders**  
Referrals for medical monitoring of patients with mild to moderate eating disorders that have been discharged from CPFT's Adult Eating Disorder service.



#### British Red Cross

We offer short-term practical and emotional support up to 6 weeks to help people improve their wellbeing and quality of life to live independently



#### BP @ Home Service

Referrals for at home blood pressure monitoring

☒ Show recordings from other templates

☐ Show empty recordings





## BP@Home - Some Barriers to Ignore ...

Question

?

Was the patient's last recorded blood pressure of Systolic BP > 150mmHg and / or Diastolic BP > 90mmHg?

Yes

No

Pause

# 3TTs - HbA1c



Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM020. The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, without moderate or severe frailty in whom the last IFCC-HbA1c is 58 mmol/mol or less in the preceding 12 months	17	35-75%
DM021. The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, with moderate or severe frailty in whom the last IFCC-HbA1c is 75 mmol/mol or less in the preceding 12 months	10	52-92%

# Medicines Update!





## Trurapi is a biosimilar of NovoRapid

- ✓ **Interchangeable**
- ✓ **Must be prescribed by brand**
- ✓ **Cost effective to the NHS**
- ❖ **Not interchangeable with Fiasp**
- ✓ **System implementation**
  - ✓ **Patients advised** of the change and the new packaging
  - ✓ **Patient materials** available
- ✓ **Sufficient stock** of Trurapi available to meet local need



# Trurapi is a biosimilar of NovoRapid



**A biosimilar product** is considered to be:

- **interchangeable** with their Reference Product,
- which means a prescriber can choose the biosimilar medicine over the Reference Product (or vice versa)
- AND EXPECT to achieve **the same therapeutic effect**.

Likewise, a biosimilar product is considered to be interchangeable with another biosimilar to the same Reference Product.

All biological medicines, including biosimilars, should be  
**prescribed by brand name.**



# Blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips

## National commissioning recommendations

- ✓ Manufacturers available to support practices with a review and switch programme
- ✓ Optimise quantity of strips
- ✓ Optimise choice of meter
- ✓ Dispensing discounts available



## Summary of recommended devices

Category	Patient Cohort	Meter	Recommendations
1a	Type 1 diabetes or ketosis prone Type 2 diabetes	Meters and strips which are suitable for the majority of people that also require a ketone testing meter.	A. Menarini Diagnostics - <b>GlucoFix Tech GK</b> Gluco Rx – <b>GlucoRx HCT</b> , Gluco Rx - <b>KEYA Smart</b> Nipro Diagnostics - <b>4SURE Smart Duo</b> Spirit Health - <b>CareSens Dual</b>
1b		As per 1a, plus require additional functionality.	A. Menarini Diagnostics - <b>GlucoFix Tech GK</b> Nipro Diagnostics - <b>4SURE Smart Duo</b>
2	Type 2 diabetes	Meters and strips which are suitable for the majority of people with Type 2 diabetes.	<div> AgaMatrix – AgaMatrix <b>Agile</b>  A. Menarini Diagnostics – <b>GlucoFix Tech GK</b>  Ascensia – <b>Contour Plus Blue</b>  Connect2Pharma – <b>On Call Extra Mobile</b> </div> <div> GlucoRX – <b>GlucoRx Q</b>  Neon Diagnostics – <b>Finetest lite</b>  Spirit Health – <b>CareSens S Fit</b>  Trivida – <b>TRUE Metrix Air</b> </div>
3	Type 2 diabetes (additional functionality)	Meters and strips which are suitable for people with Type 2 diabetes that require additional functionality.	Type 2 diabetes (enhanced functionality)
			First Line
			Second Line
			<div> AgaMatrix – <b>AgaMatrix Agile</b> </div> <div> AgaMatrix – <b>WaveSense JAZZ</b>  AgaMatrix – <b>WaveSense JAZZ Wireless</b>  GlucoRx – <b>GlucoRx Nexus Blue</b> </div>
			Type 2 diabetes Paediatrics
			First Line
			Second Line
			<div> Connect 2 Pharma – <b>On Call Extra Mobile and On Call Extra Voice</b> </div> <div> GlucoRx – <b>GlucoRx Nexus Blue</b> </div>
			Type 2 diabetes (Gestational diabetes - GDm-Health™)
			First Line
			Second Line
			<div> AgaMatrix – <b>AgaMatrix Agile</b>  Connect 2 Pharma – <b>On Call Extra Mobile</b> </div> <div> AgaMatrix – <b>WaveSense JAZZ wireless</b> </div>



# Lancets

## National commissioning recommendations

- ✓ Lancets which are suitable for the majority of people, and which are suitable for people that require additional functionality.



The following lancets are suitable for people with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes including people who require [additional functionality](#).

Category	Supplier	Lancet Name	Size	Lancet (£)	Pack size
4	A. Menarini Diagnostics	Glucject Plus	0.22/33G	£3.77	100
	AgaMatrix	Comfort Twist	30G	£2.69	100
	AgaMatrix	AgaMatrix Ultra-thin	0.2mm/33G & 0.35mm/28G	£5.43	200
	Ascensia	Microlet	0.5mm/28G	£2.99	100
	Connect 2 Pharma	On Call	30G	£2.75	100
	GlucorX	GlucorX	30G	£4.50	200
	GlucorX	GlucorX Safety	23G, 26G, 28G, & 30G	£5.50	100
	Glucose	Glucose	0.35mm/28G	£8.49	200
	Neon Diagnostics	Neon Verifine safety	28G x 1.8mm & 30G x 1.8mm	£2.99	100
	Neon Diagnostics	Greenlan	28G	£3.00	100
	Nipro Diagnostics	4SURE	0.32mm/30G & 0.195mm/33G	£2.90	100
	Spirit Health	CareSens	0.36mm/28G & 0.31mm/30G	£2.95	100
	Trividia	TRUEplus	0.36mm/28G, 0.32mm/30G & 0.195mm/33G	£2.90	100

# CGM Local Position – as per November 22

**Individuals with Type 1 diabetes:** Suitable for initiation in Primary or Secondary Care and can be prescribed to all patients with Type 1 diabetes. Please note additional information below:

- Children living with diabetes may need a CGM which allows a parent or guardian to monitor the patient's glucose levels in real time. Where this is required, this will be provided by the Specialist Paediatric Diabetes Team directly.
- There may be individual patients with type 1 diabetes who have complex clinical needs where a CGM with additional functions may be required. Secondary care will be responsible for prescribing these systems.

**Individuals with Type 2 diabetes:** Restricted to pregnant patients (with type 2 or gestational diabetes) and patients with type 2 diabetes who are on multiple daily insulin injections with any of the following:

- Severe hypoglycaemia or impaired hypoglycaemic awareness (Score  $\geq 4$  on the Gold hypoglycaemia unawareness Likert scale)
- Condition or disability that means they are unable to self-monitor but can act upon glycaemic changes
- Is living with a learning disability
- Renal failure on dialysis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Where they require help from a care worker or health care professional to monitor their blood glucose.

# Which CGM can be prescribed on a FP10



- ✓ Both devices consist of a subcutaneous glucose-sensing electrode which sends interstitial glucose levels to a paired receiver and/or insulin pump via a transmitter.
- ✓ All systems provide:
  - ✓ current interstitial fluid glucose
  - ✓ glucose history over the preceding hours, days and weeks

# How to use Dexcom One and Freestyle Libre 2?



[Freestyle Libre 2 – YouTube](#)

[Getting Started with the FreeStyle Libre 2 system – YouTube](#)

[Freestyle UK & Ireland - YouTube](#)



**Freestyle Libre 2**  
scan or  
'flash' the sensor  
with smartphone  
or receiver

[Dexcom One - YouTube](#)

[Dexcom One Getting Started mmol – YouTube](#)

[Dexcom One Receiver Video - YouTube](#)

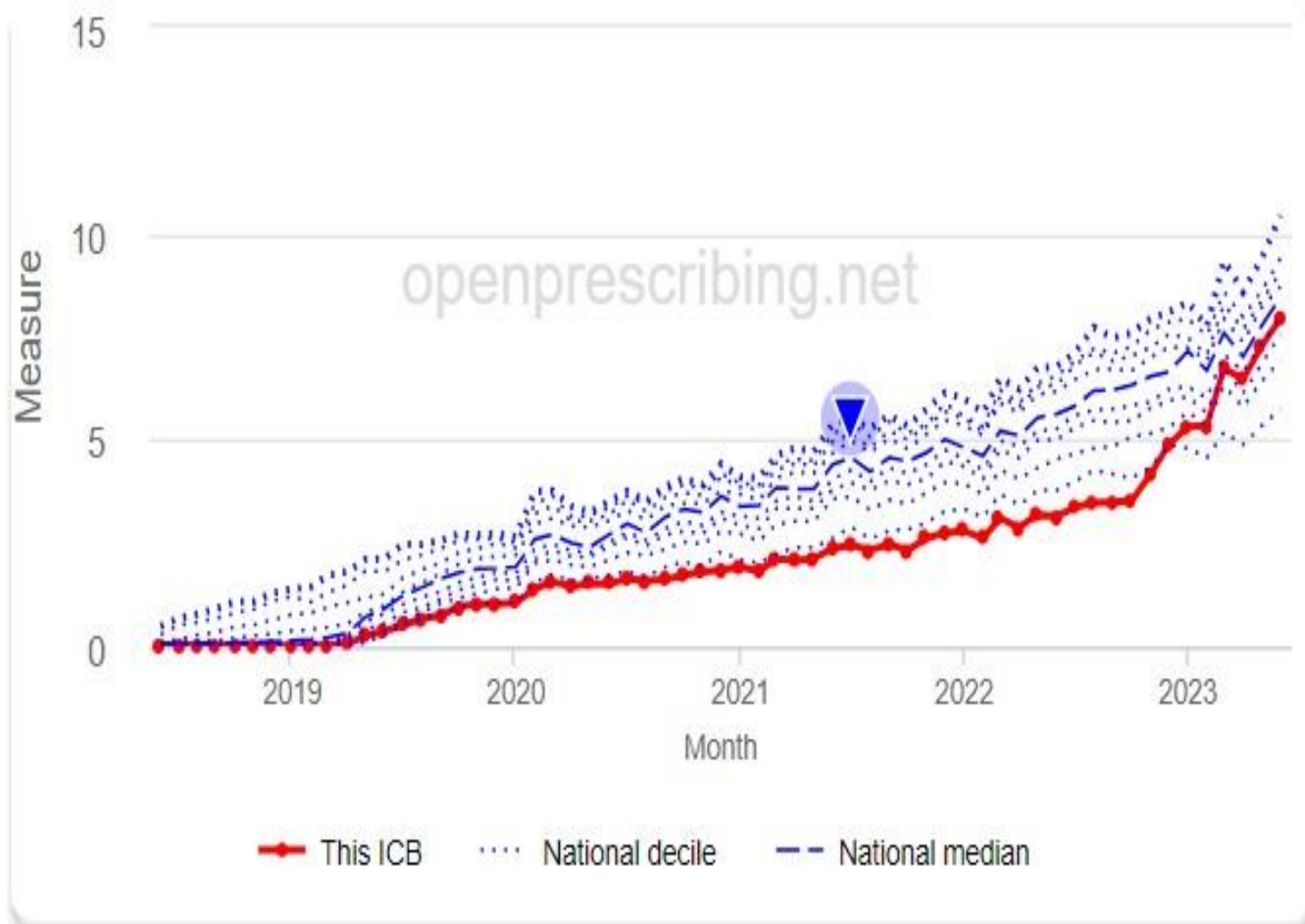
[Dexcom UK and Ireland – YouTube](#)



**Dexcom One**  
Automatically  
every five minutes to  
smartphone or receiver

*Association of British Clinical Diabetologist resources:* <https://abcd.care/dtn/resources>

## Prescribing of continuous glucose monitoring sensors per 1000 patients



June 23 (39<sup>th</sup>  
percentile) 8227  
sensors prescribed



March 23 (29<sup>th</sup>  
percentile) 6949  
sensors prescribed

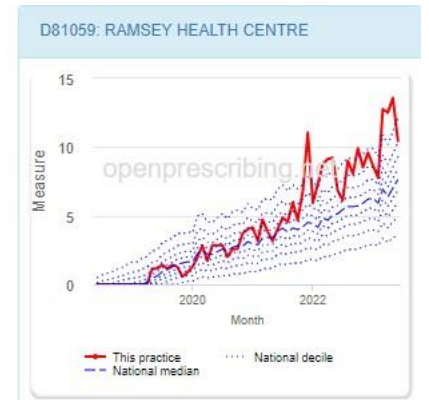
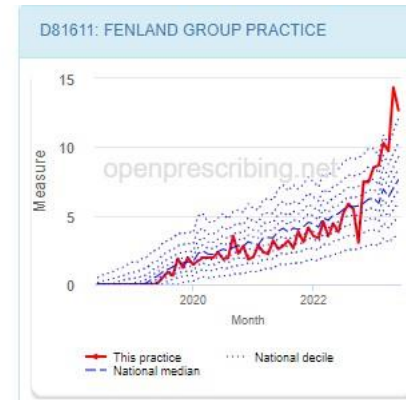
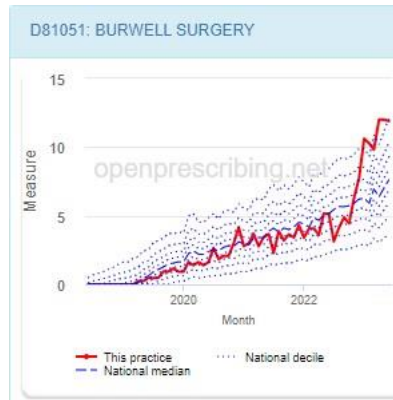
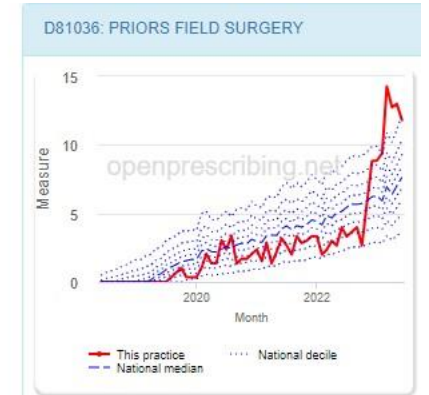
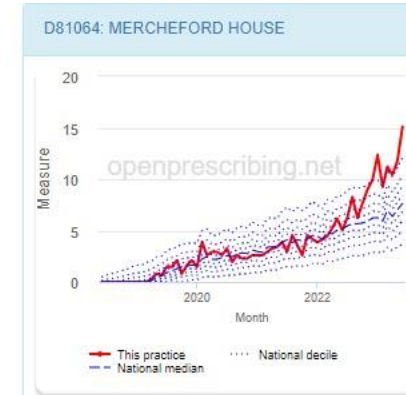
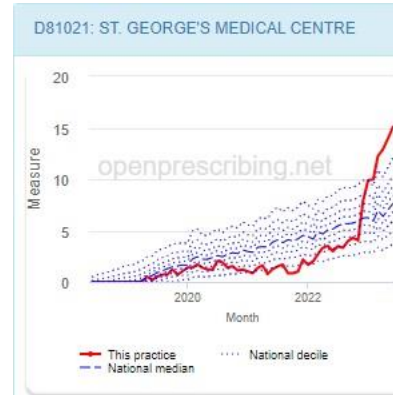


October 22 (2<sup>nd</sup>  
percentile) 3602  
sensors prescribed



# Thank you!

- ✓ Practices have increased their prescribing of Freestyle Libre 2 sensors or Dexcom One sensors.



Prescribing of continuous glucose monitoring sensors by practices in NHS CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH | OpenPrescribing



# Implementation Tips



- ✓ Appointment not always needed, many patients in other areas have self-started once they have collected the starter kit
- ✓ Links to patient resources from manufacturers can be sent by the practice to the patient via AccuRx messages.
- ✓ Helplines available to support patients (Dexcom 0800 031 5761 ; FreeStyle Libre 0800 170 1177)
- ✓ Patient Resources are available for both Freestyle Libre 2 and Dexcom One:
  - ✓ Freestyle Libre: [Tutorials & Downloads | Freestyle Libre | Abbott](#)
  - ✓ Dexcom One: [UK Dexcom ONE Glucose Monitor for Type 1 - Type 2 Diabetes | Dexcom](#)
- ✓ Remember to adjust their blood glucose test strip quantities
- ✓ Some patients will require specific CGM via their diabetes team – remember to stop the CGM on FP10. This will be in the specialist communication to the practice.





## Non diabetic hyperglycaemia (NDH)

Indicator	Points	Thresholds
<b>Records</b>		
NDH002. The percentage of patients with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia who have had an HbA1c or fasting blood glucose performed in the preceding 12 months	18	50–90%

CODING:

**Please ensure your patients HbA1c 42-47 (& not T1, T2 nor GDM) are coded with Pre-Diabetes or Non-Diabetic Hyperglycaemia**

QoF does not (yet) ask you to refer your patients with NDH/ Pre-Diabetes ....

But

The LES does 😊

Also – holding an **‘ambition for remission’** for these patients & encouraging lifestyle changes means fewer T2DM in the future 😊

NDPP

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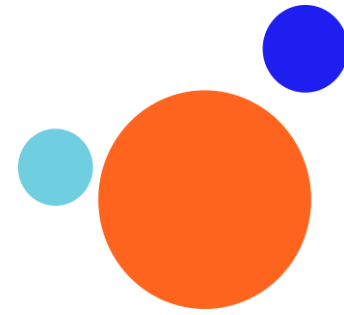


thrive tribe



# Participant Outcomes

- We have received **3846** referrals so far this year and we started **100** new programmes since January 2023.
- **1764** patients from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have attended a programme since Jan 2023.
- Since the start of the contract (Dec 2020) **2,400** participants have completed the 9 month programme.



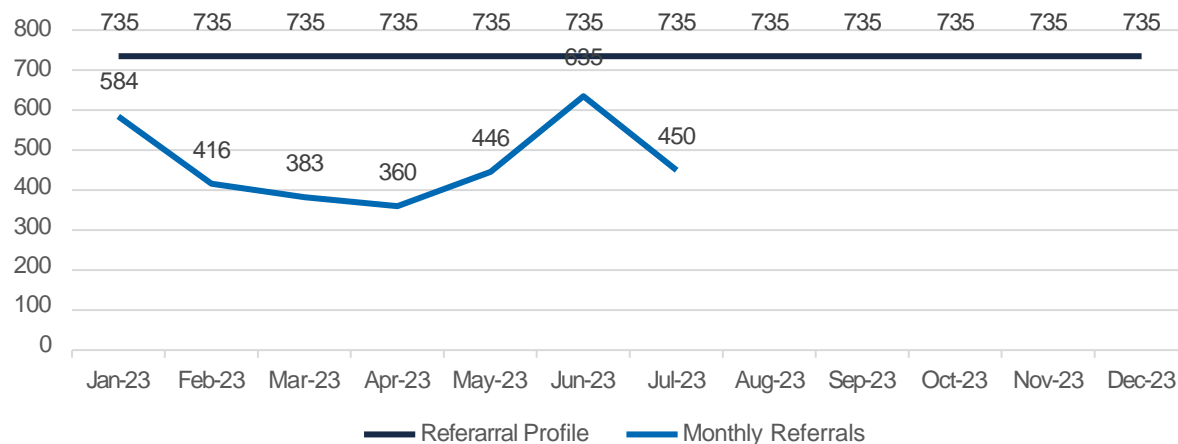
## Participant Weight Changes

Average weight change (kg)	Total weight change (kg)
-3.53	-7,273

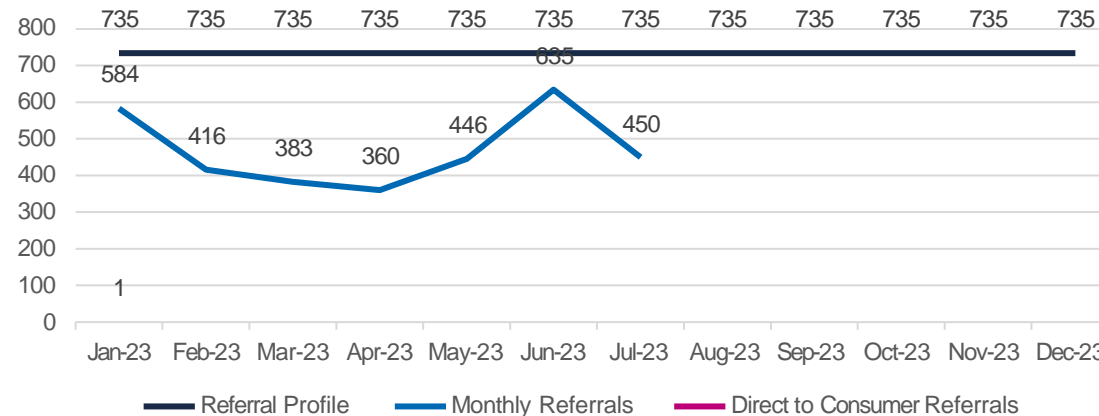
# NDPP - referrals



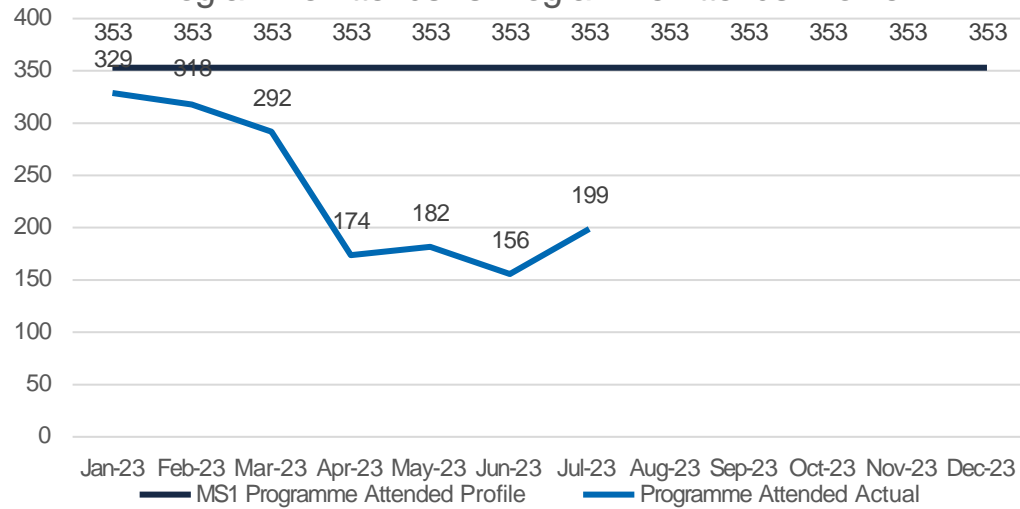
## Monthly Referrals vs Profile



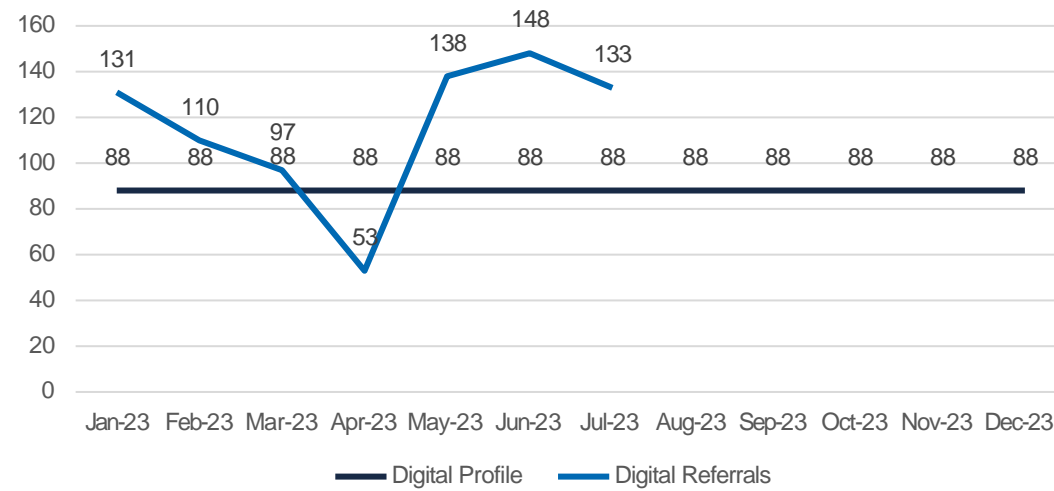
## Monthly Referrals vs Profile (and showing DTC referrals)



## Programme Attends vs Programme Attends Profile



## Digital Referrals vs Digital Profile



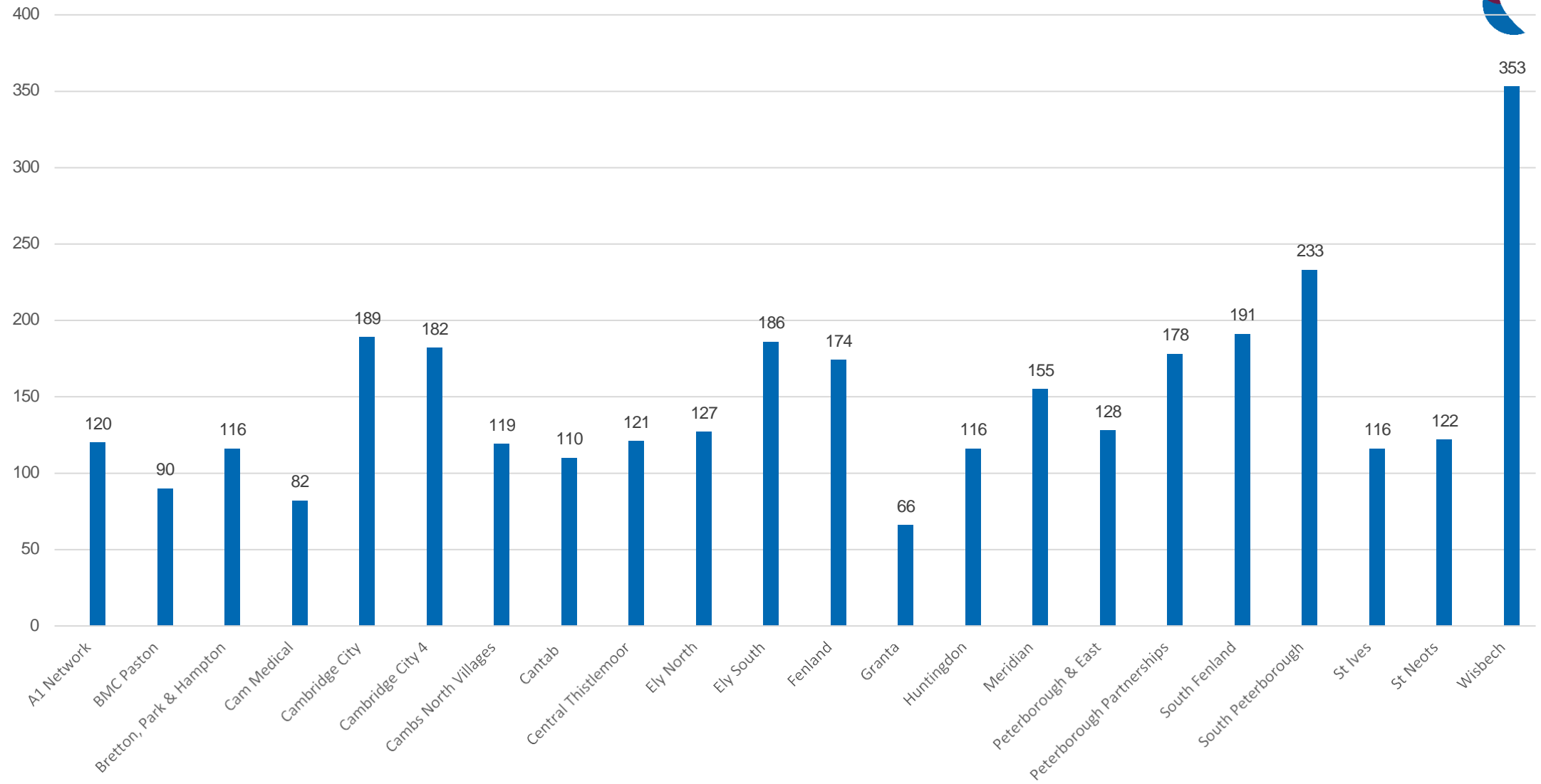
# NDPP DASHBOARD 2023



			Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Total to date	% complete
Registered Patients	PCN Target	Referral profile	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	735	8820	
		Actual referrals	584	416	383	360	446	635	450	0	0	0	0	0	3274	37%
45576	402	A1 Network	13	12	14	18	28	16	19						120	30%
43417	391	BMC Paston	13	8	14	7	13	24	11						90	23%
32193	335	Bretton, Park & Hampton	8	15	16	25	14	22	16						116	35%
51622	432	Cam Medical	12	9	3	11	8	24	15						82	19%
39125	370	Cambridge City	22	67	16	14	14	39	17						189	51%
58569	467	Cambridge City 4	21	18	32	17	15	48	31						182	39%
50250	425	Cambs North Villages	8	13	18	10	26	27	17						119	28%
56449	456	Cantab	14	10	19	8	10	22	27						110	24%
55002	449	Central Thistle Moor	11	12	18	14	14	25	27						121	27%
40141	375	Ely North	48	14	9	5	20	25	6						127	34%
40153	375	Ely South	122	12	5	7	5	28	7						186	50%
30923	329	Fenland	20	18	17	21	21	58	19						174	53%
45513	402	Granta	7	1	2	6	15	28	7						66	16%
35254	350	Huntingdon	12	19	12	23	20	12	18						116	33%
50154	425	Meridian	22	7	13	22	29	40	22						155	36%
62796	488	Peterborough & East	19	19	14	15	19	21	21						128	26%
27877	313	Peterborough Partnerships	29	25	25	22	28	31	18						178	57%
31277	330	South Fenland	42	26	20	12	24	22	45						191	58%
61303	481	South Peterborough	19	36	32	32	40	41	33						233	48%
47553	412	St Ives	12	9	21	16	25	17	16						116	28%
46614	407	St Neots	15	17	18	22	27	15	8						122	30%
50757	428	Wisbech	95	49	45	33	31	50	50						353	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8841</b>															



Total referrals to date by PCN



# Good News Story

One of the group challenges we set at the start of participants 9-month journey with us is to try and walk the equivalent steps from Lands' end to John O'Groats.

This participant decided to walk the challenge on his own and even remembered to Take his workbook with him!!



# NHS Type 2 Diabetes Path to remission Programme (T2DR)

Oviva



# What is it? T2DPR is the new name for Very Low Calorie Diet



The Type 2 Diabetes Pathway to Remission (T2DPR) programme supports people living with Type 2 Diabetes to achieve weight loss and live a healthier lifestyle.

It is a completely FREE total diet replacement and support programme for people living with Type 2 Diabetes, in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

This programme is being rolled out in phases as part of proportionate universalism, to focus on populations with the highest IMD & Obesity prevalence.

Each PCN's will be notified of their phase in due course.

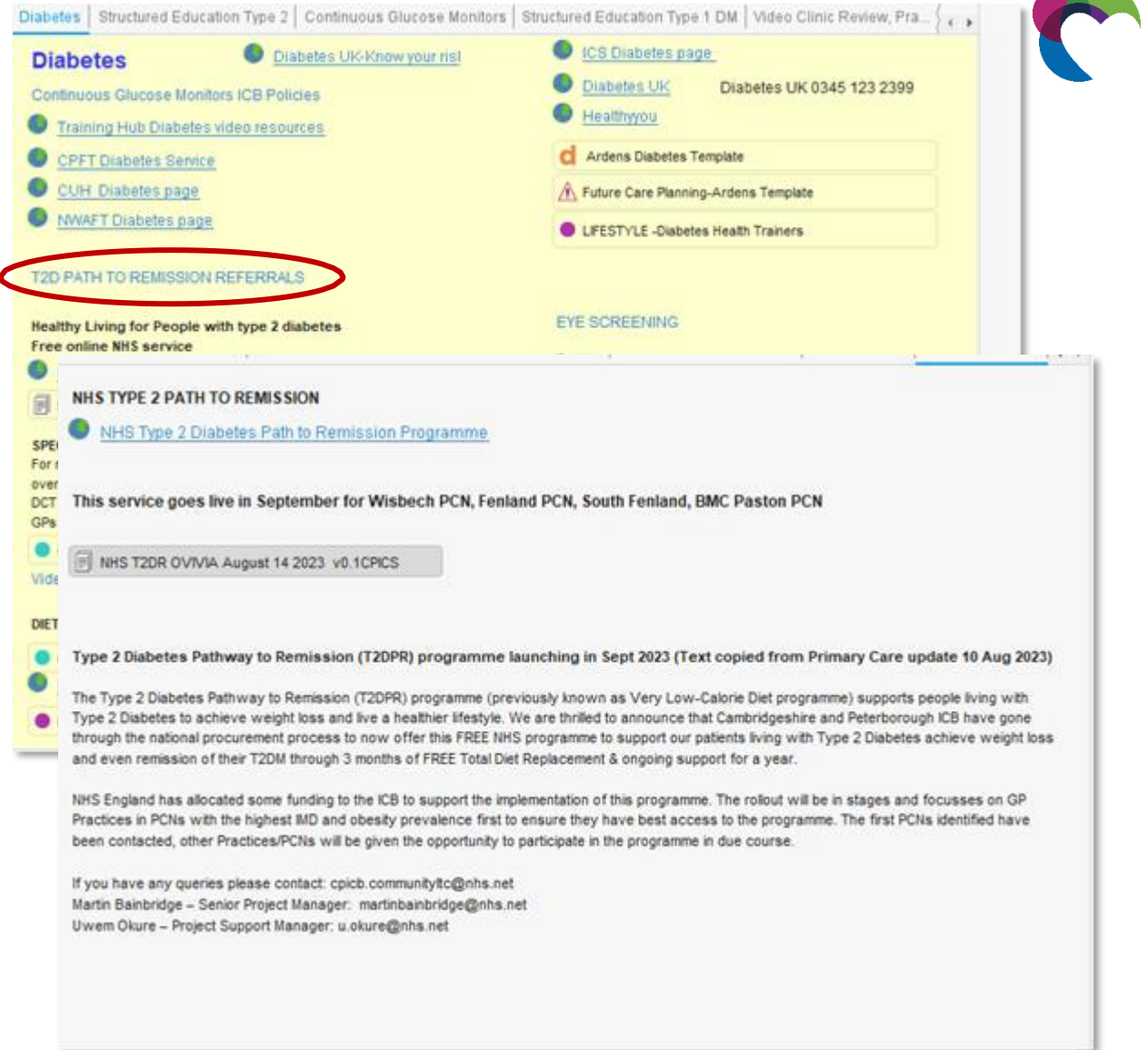
When the programme rolls out to your PCNs, there will be training sessions available with the provider and we are working on searches to run for eligible patients through System1 and EMIS. Eligibility criteria will be provided.

# How and when?

There are referral forms available on System1

As part of a phased roll out, this programme has gone live on the 1st of September in the first four primary care networks (PCNs) located in Wisbech, Fenland, South Fenland and BMC Baston.

**We have already had 2 accepted referrals from Ramsey Health Centre.**



The screenshot displays the System1 Diabetes portal interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Diabetes, Structured Education Type 2, Continuous Glucose Monitors, Structured Education Type 1 DM, and Video Clinic Review, Pra... The main content area is titled 'Diabetes' and includes links to 'Diabetes UK-Know your risk', 'ICS Diabetes page', 'Diabetes UK' (with phone number 0345 123 2399), and 'Healthyyou'. Below these are links for 'Continuous Glucose Monitors ICB Policies', 'Training Hub Diabetes video resources', 'CPFT Diabetes Service', 'CUH Diabetes page', and 'NWAFT Diabetes page'. A red circle highlights the 'T2D PATH TO REMISSION REFERRALS' link. Below this, there is a section for 'Healthy Living for People with type 2 diabetes' and 'Free online NHS service'. The main content area is titled 'NHS TYPE 2 PATH TO REMISSION' and includes a link to 'NHS Type 2 Diabetes Path to Remission Programme'. It states: 'This service goes live in September for Wisbech PCN, Fenland PCN, South Fenland, BMC Paston PCN'. Below this is a document icon and the text 'NHS T2DR OVMA August 14 2023 v0.1CPICS'. The section is titled 'Type 2 Diabetes Pathway to Remission (T2DPR) programme launching in Sept 2023 (Text copied from Primary Care update 10 Aug 2023)'. The text describes the programme: 'The Type 2 Diabetes Pathway to Remission (T2DPR) programme (previously known as Very Low-Calorie Diet programme) supports people living with Type 2 Diabetes to achieve weight loss and live a healthier lifestyle. We are thrilled to announce that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB have gone through the national procurement process to now offer this FREE NHS programme to support our patients living with Type 2 Diabetes achieve weight loss and even remission of their T2DM through 3 months of FREE Total Diet Replacement & ongoing support for a year.' It also mentions funding from NHS England and the rollout stages. Contact information is provided at the bottom: 'If you have any queries please contact: cpicb.community@nhs.net, Martin Bainbridge - Senior Project Manager: martinbainbridge@nhs.net, Uwem Okure - Project Support Manager: u.okure@nhs.net'.



# Structured Education

Indicator	Points	Thresholds
DM014. The percentage of patients newly diagnosed with diabetes, on the register, in the preceding 1 April to 31 March who have a record of being referred to a structured education programme within 9 months after entry on to the diabetes register	11	40–90%



# Structured Education



Structured Education Available		
Pre Diabetes	Type 1	Type 2
NDPP	DAFNE	DESMOND
	PDAC	myDESMOND
	BERTIEonline	Healthy Living
	MyTYPE1 Diabetes	

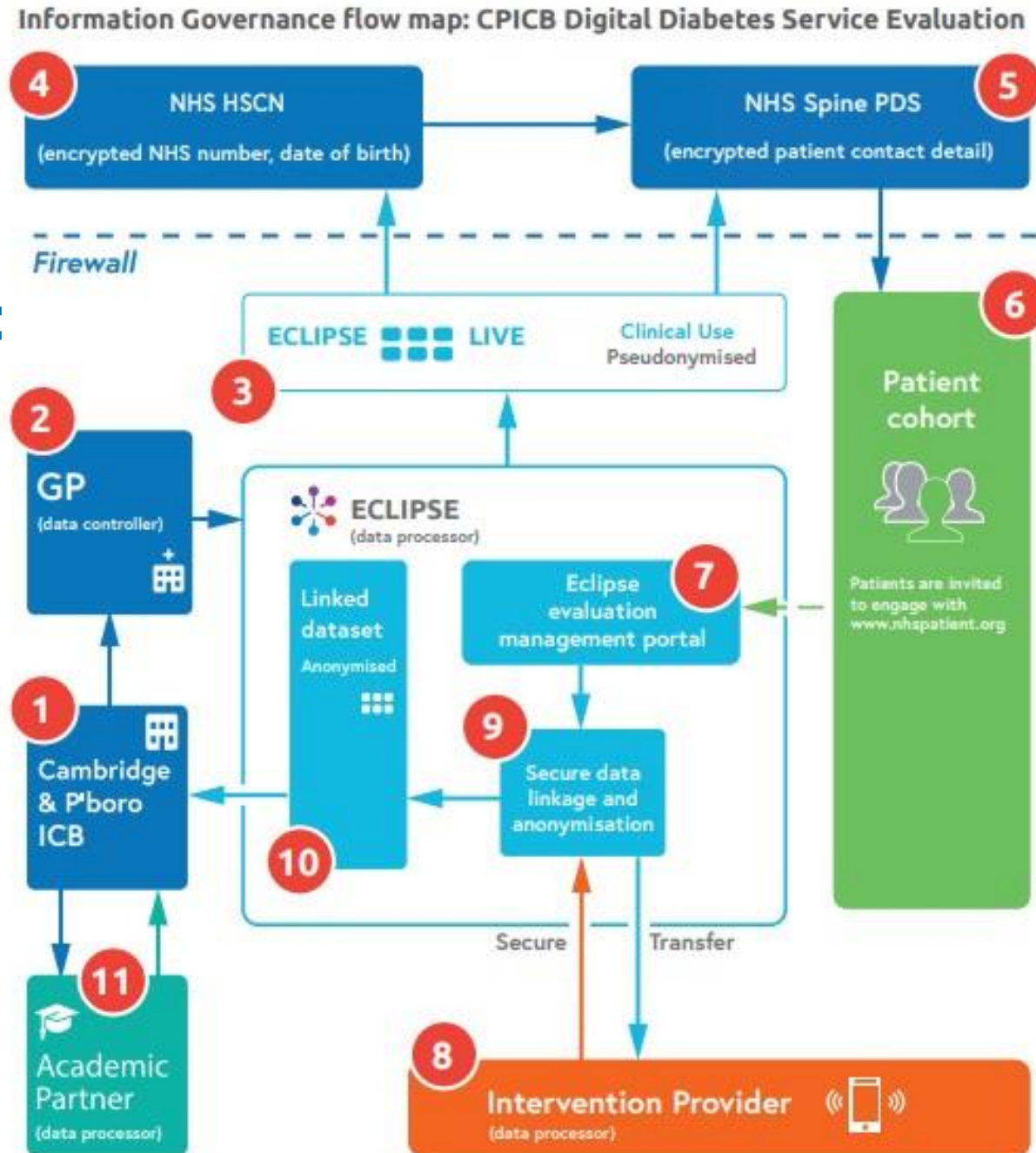
# Diabetes: Structured Education



- **Feb 2020:** Early Adopter Practices identified a need for Patient-facing app to deliver Structured Education.
- Collaborative work identified Grohealth.com (was 'Diabetes Digital Media' ) as preferred by practices; MyDESMOND was alternative option.
- COVID – significant impact on F2F education & delayed progress.
- Various Information Governance challenges (trailblazing initiative)
- **May 2023** – went live to patients
- University of Cambridge – independent evaluator



# Digital Diabetes Programme: Information Governance





## Cambridge & Peterborough Digital Diabetes Programme

### Primary Objective

To compare the effect of two Type 2 Diabetes e-health interventions (Gro Health and MyDESMOND) on change in glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) over 12 months in adults with type 2 diabetes.

### Secondary Objectives

1. To evaluate the effect of MyDESMOND and Gro Health on:
  - body weight, blood pressure, lipid profile, modelled cardiovascular risk and medication use at 6 and 12 months
  - the probability of achieving clinically significant weight loss, good glycaemic control or diabetes remission at 6 and 12 months
  - psychosocial factors associated with successful weight control at 6 and 12 months.
2. To evaluate the cost-effectiveness of MyDESMOND and Gro Health.
3. To assess the uptake of and adherence to the two programmes by the target population.
4. To explore participant and practitioner experiences of the two programmes and the extent to which these programmes meet their needs.

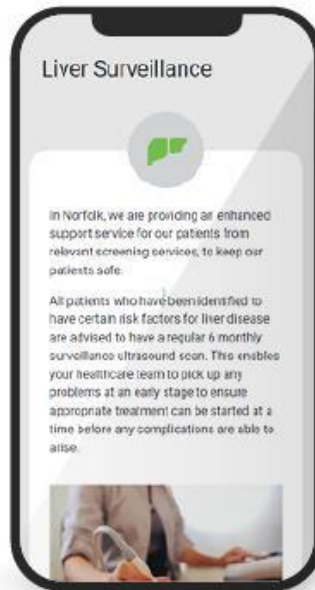
# Pegasus Patient Engagement



## 1 Effective Patient Communication



## 2 Effective Patient Education



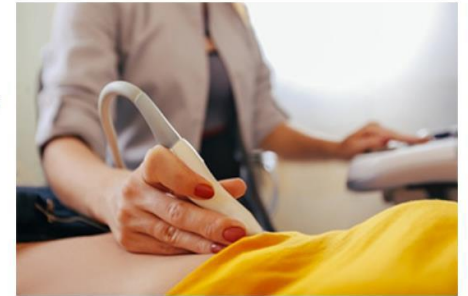
## 3 Effective Patient Consent



### Liver Surveillance

In Norfolk, we are providing an enhanced support service for our patients from relevant screening services, to keep our patients safe.

All patients who have been identified to have certain risk factors for liver disease are advised to have a regular 6 monthly surveillance ultrasound scan. This enables your healthcare team to pick up any problems at an early stage to ensure appropriate treatment can be started at a time before any complications are able to arise.



### What does an ultrasound of the liver involve?

This is a quick, simple and non-invasive test similar to the type of test women have during pregnancy.

A small device produces high frequency sound waves which provide images of your liver. This scan provides useful information to your healthcare team, to ensure you benefit from optimal protection.

Please fill in a short questionnaire via the portal below to express your preferences in relation to this scan and to help identify any additional needs that you may have.

**If for some reason you do not wish to have this test done please still fill out the form to enable us to record your personal preferences.**

# Outcomes: Digital Diabetes Programme



**11** “Deep End” GP practices consented to involvement in this programme and after matching for demographic differences, patients were randomised into one of the two app groups



**5,321** text messages sent out



**1,262** Patients 23.7% of patients indicated desire to take part and details passed to app companies



**1,153** (91%) fully completed patients questionnaires received



**630** Patients currently registered & receiving Diabetes: Structured Education via the two apps

Interim analysis due March 2024



# As a Community Colleague – you are a 'Service User'

- what works well?
- what doesn't work well?
- what ideas have you got for improvements?



<https://www.menti.com/ali3obeyyqd9>



# The importance of B12:To test or not to test?

Mr Julian Owen



# The importance of B12: To test or not to test?

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Founder Member & Chair cluB-12Member

GiRFT Vitamin B12 Programme

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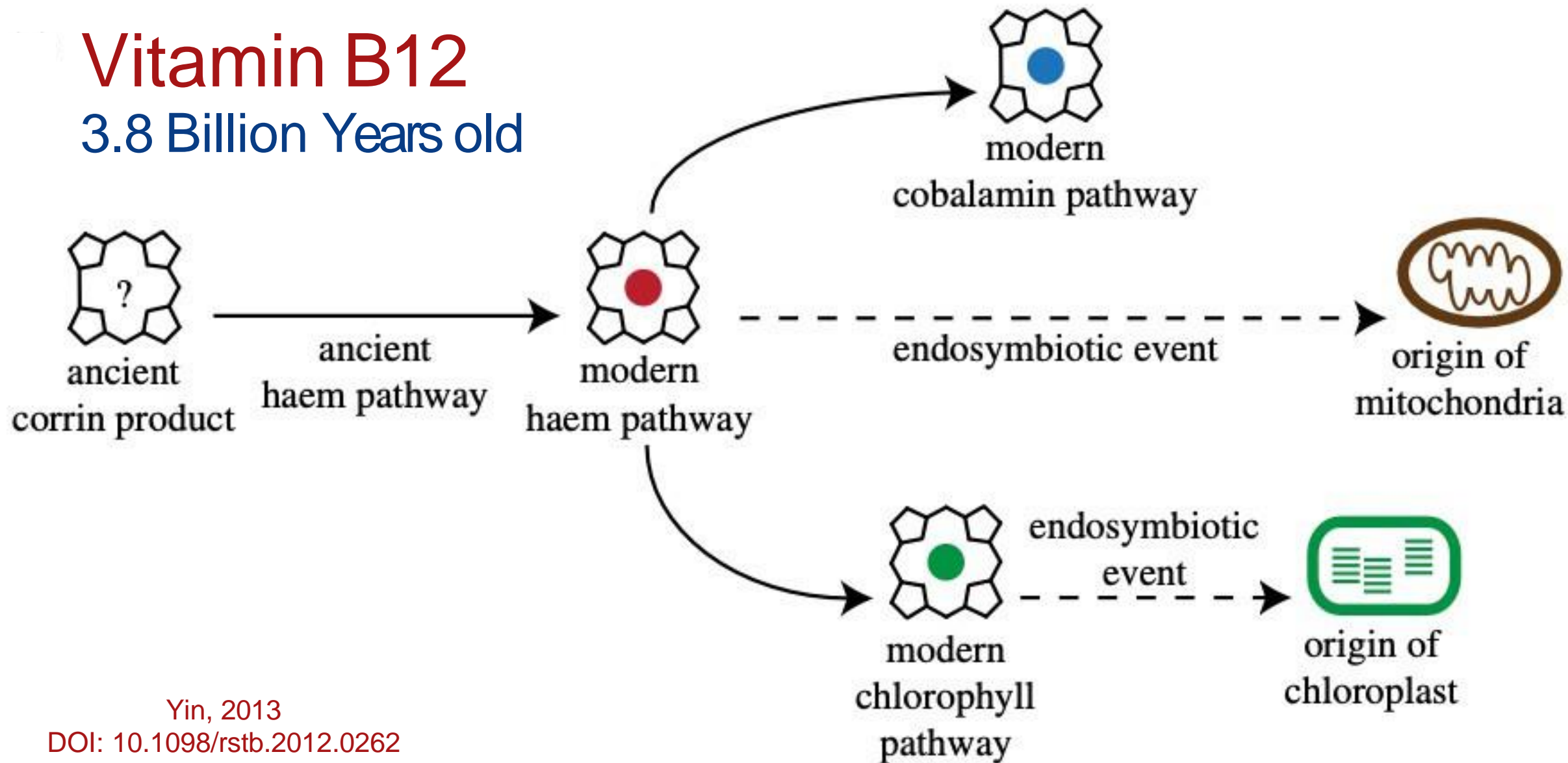
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# Vitamin B12

3.8 Billion Years old



Yin, 2013

DOI: 10.1098/rstb.2012.0262



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# ‘Magaloblastic Madness’

but

Many present with only  
neuropsychiatric features

# Vitamin B12 deficiency

BMJ 2014



Fig 2 | Clinical features of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency

# NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

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- **Symptoms of vitamin B12 and folate deficiency include:**
- **Signs of vitamin B12 and folate deficiency include:**
- **Neurological complications associated with vitamin B12 deficiency include:**
  - Loss of cutaneous sensation.
  - Loss of mental and physical drive.
  - Muscle weakness.
  - Optic neuropathy.
  - Psychiatric disturbances – these range from mild neurosis to severe dementia.
  - Symmetrical neuropathy affecting the legs more than the arms — this usually presents with ataxia or paraesthesia.
  - Urinary or faecal incontinence.

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# Outline

- Biological Anthropology
- B12 Deficiency (B12d)
- **Exacerbating Factors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**
- Underdiagnosis
- Undertreatment
- Diabetes
- Reawakening
- club-12





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## Nitrous oxide: Doctors warn of “epidemic” of use by young people

Zainab Hussain

Doctors have warned that they are seeing a rise in neurological complications among young people as a result of use of nitrous oxide, commonly known as laughing gas.

Nitrous oxide has become an increasingly popular recreational drug at festivals, nightclubs, and parties. Used to induce laughter and hallucinations, the gas is not illegal to possess and can be purchased online in the small silver canisters known as “whippits.”

“Essentially, by inactivating vitamin B12, nitrous oxide can lead to a paraparesis via myelopathy due to B12 affecting the posterior columns of the spinal cord. It can also cause neuropathy again via B12 deficiency. B12 can be normal, depending on the assay, so doctors may check methylmalonic acid which is markedly raised.”

Hussain, 2022  
DOI:10.1136/bmj.o2155



# Nitrous Oxide

- Therapeutic use
  - Labour Ward
  - Emergency Department
  - (Rarely in General Anaesthesia)
- Recreational abuse

*‘Nitrous oxide oxidizes the active cobalt atom .... outperforming the reductive recovery system.... leads to  
....inactivation of Methionine Synthase’*

Sobczyńska-Malefora, 2021

DOI: 10.1080/10408363.2021.1885339



Figure 6. Empty nitrous oxide canisters in a London residential street, February 2020.

# Nitrous Oxide

Anaesthesia 2023

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## Editorial

### Is the future of nitrous oxide as volatile as the gas itself?

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# Plant Based Diets

Niklewicz, 2022  
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European Journal of Nutrition  
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## COMMENT



## The importance of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> for individuals choosing plant-based diets

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# The Importance of Vitamin B12 for Individuals Choosing Plant-Based Diets

- Vitamin B12 is an essential nutrient that is not made by plants, consequently plant-based foods are not a reliable supply
- Recent estimates suggest high rates of vitamin B12 deficiency among the vegetarian and vegan populations, particularly in pregnant women or women of child-bearing age who, for ethical and health reasons, are shifting towards higher consumption of plant-based foods in ever-increasing numbers

Niklewicz, 2022

DOI: 10.1007/s00394-022-03025-4



# The Importance of Vitamin B12 for Individuals Choosing Plant-Based Diets

EJN 2022

- Vitamin B12 plays crucial metabolic roles across the life-course and in particular during pregnancy and in early development (first 1000 days of life)
- Evidence now implicates vitamin B12 deficiency with increased risk to a range of neuro, vascular, immune, and inflammatory disorders.

Niklewicz, 2022

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# Plant Based Diets

	Vegan	Lacto-vegetarians	Ovo-vegetarians	Lacto-ovo vegetarians	Pescatarian	Flexitarian*	Omnivore
Fruits, vegetables, legumes, and nuts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dairy products	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eggs	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fish and seafood	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Meat	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> found from foods in diet* <sup>1</sup>	None  High						
Sustainability of diet	High  Low						

**Fig. 1** Presents the pattern of consumption for different food components ranging from a vegan to omnivore diet. \*A flexitarian diet may occasionally consume fish, seafood and animal products but likely limit their consumption of these foods for environmental and health reasons. <sup>1</sup>Shows the gradient of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> found in foods from differing diets, ranging from none in vegan diets to high in omnivore (without the intake of supplements or fortified foods).

Key: ✗ = avoided in diet    ✓ = occasionally consumed in diet    ✓ = consumed in diet

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# Key Points

*Nitrous Oxide use / abuse &  
widespread adoption of more sustainable  
Plant Based Diets  
are exacerbating the issues*

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# Biomarkers of Vitamin B12 Status

‘Serum B12’ is the only assay available to General Practice

Table 1 | Biomarkers of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> status

Biomarker; unit	Assay principle	Tentative reference interval*	Tentative cut-off value for B12 deficiency*	Tentative cut-off value for B12 repletion*	Major confounding factors
B12; pmol per litre	Protein-binding assay	200–600	<148	>221	Alterations in the plasma-binding proteins, haptocorrin or transcobalamin
Holotranscobalamin (transcobalamin-bound, active B12); pmol per litre	Immunological	40–100	<35	>40	Genetic variation in <i>TCN2</i> (REFS 73,209) and kidney function
Homocysteine; µmol per litre <sup>‡</sup>	Immunological, high-performance liquid chromatography or gas chromatography mass spectrometry	8–15	>15	<8	Folate and B6 deficiency, kidney and thyroid function, sex and age
Methylmalonic acid; µmol per litre	Liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry or gas chromatography mass spectrometry	0.04–0.37	>0.37	<0.27	Kidney function and <i>HIBCH</i> polymorphisms <sup>117</sup>
4cB12 <sup>§</sup>	See formula below	–2.5–1.5	<–0.5	>0.5	Can be corrected for folate status and age

Green, 2017

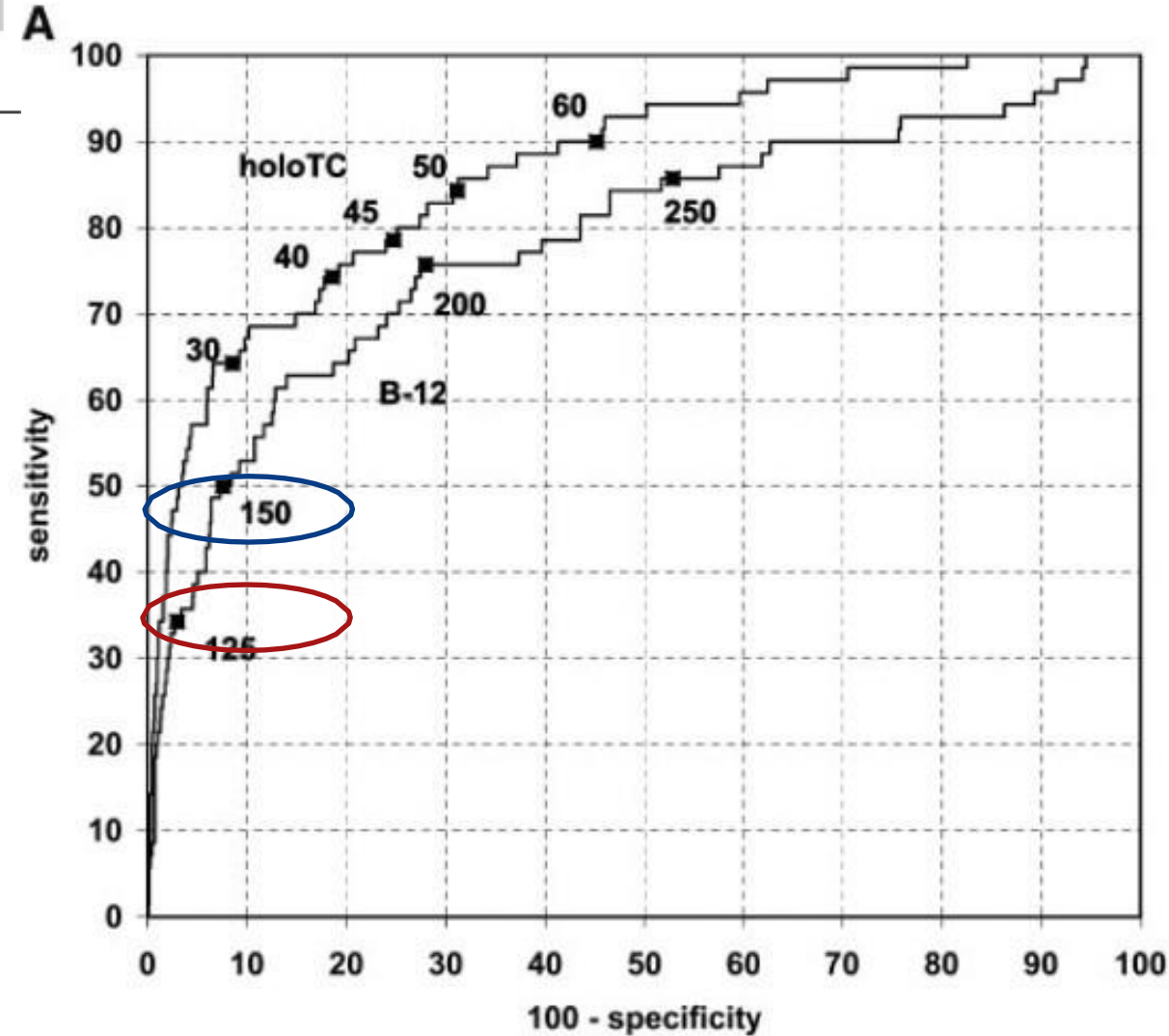
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## Detection of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Deficiency in Older People by Measuring Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or the Active Fraction of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, Holotranscobalamin

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@ Current Thresholds: **Holo-TC - 45% Sensitivity**  
**Serum B12 - 35% Sensitivity**

Clarke, 2007  
DOI: 10.1373/clinchem.2006.080382



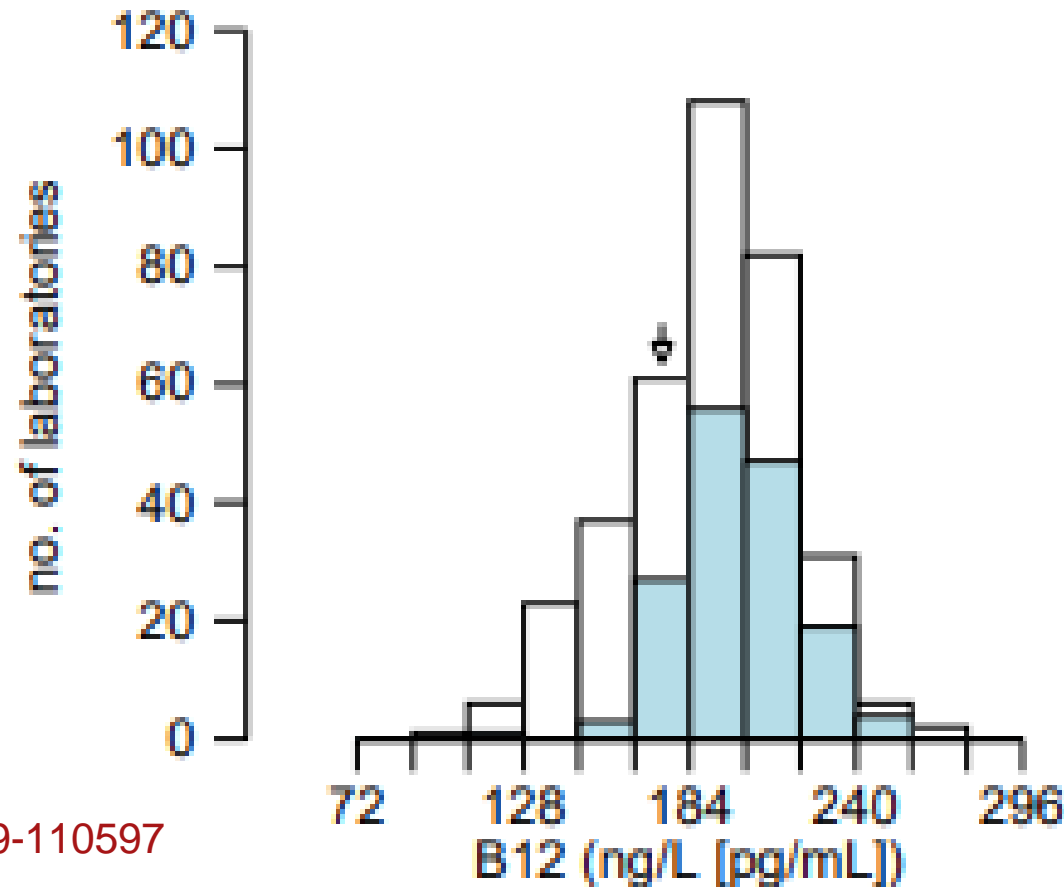
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UK Quality Standards agency for laboratory tests

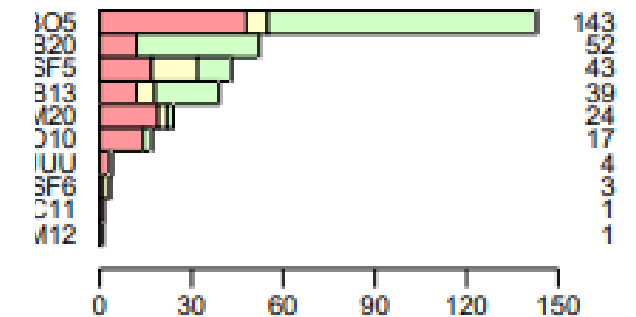
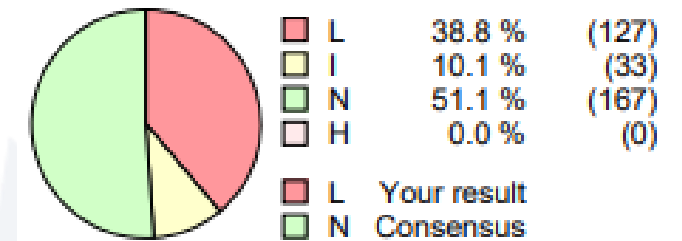
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Mackenzie, 2018

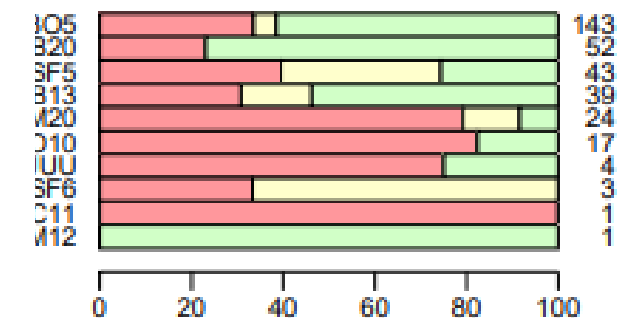
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Breakdown by method (n)



Breakdown by method (%)

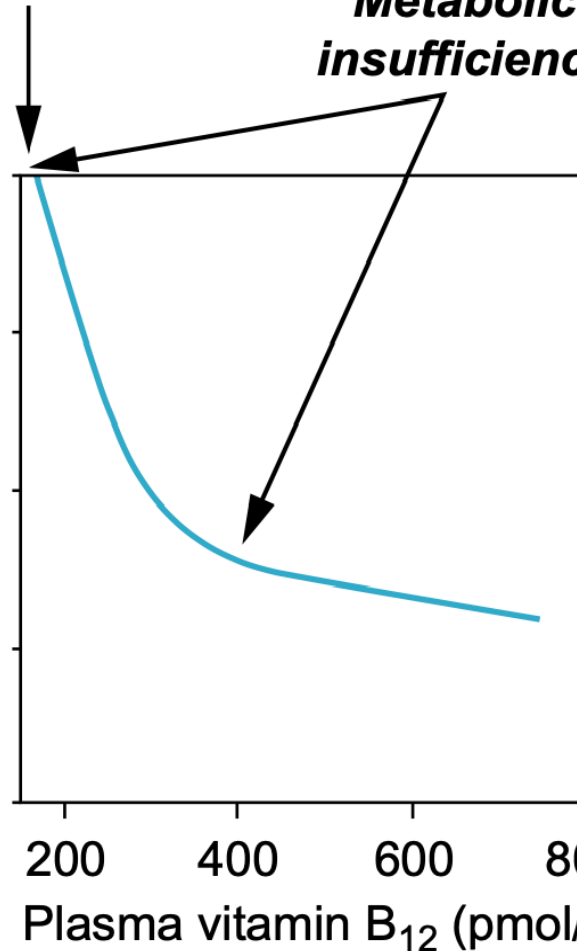


# *‘Do we need to reconsider the desirable blood level of Vitamin B12?’*

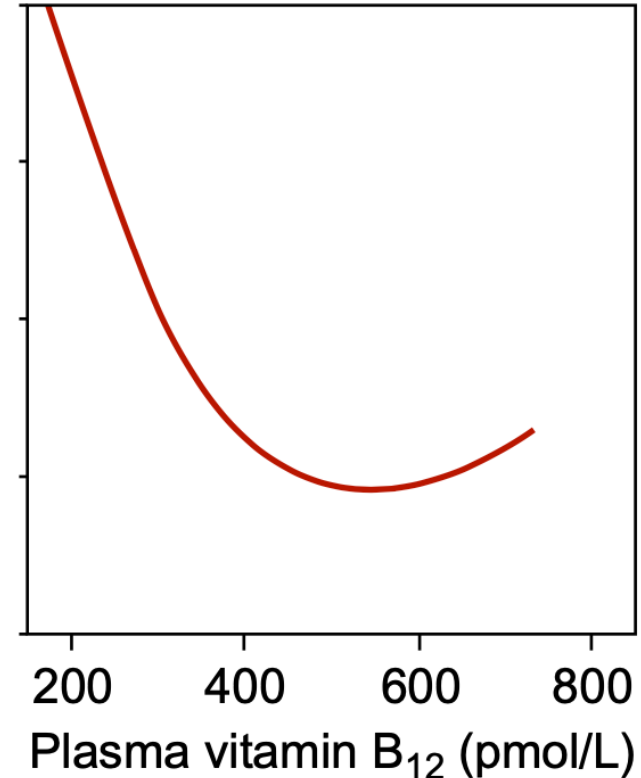
**Classical deficiency**

**Metabolic insufficiency**

Plasma MMA



Plasma tHcy



**Fig. 3** Defining B<sub>12</sub> inadequacy by use of markers of metabolic insufficiency. Relationship between plasma vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and plasma total homocysteine (tHcy) or methylmalonic acid (MMA) in 3262 community-dwelling people aged 71–74 years in Norway. Based on fig. 1 from Smith, A. D., & Refsum, H. (2012). Do we need to reconsider the desirable blood level of vitamin B12? Journal of Internal Medicine, 271(2), 179–182.

Smith, 2012

DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2796.2011.02485



## Failures of Cobalamin Assays in Pernicious Anemia

**TO THE EDITOR:** Cobalamin (vitamin B<sub>12</sub>) assays have been central to the diagnosis of clinical cobalamin deficiency such as pernicious anemia because the diagnostic sensitivities of older assays have been approximately 95%.<sup>1</sup> However, the competitive-binding luminescence assay (CBLA) replaced older microbiologic and radioisotope-

dilution assays during the past decade. Few studies have compared these methods, and cobalamin CBLA has received less-focused scrutiny than older methods have received in the past. In 2000, a study showing that a CBLA failed to detect many low cobalamin levels<sup>2</sup> was disputed by the manufacturer.<sup>3</sup> A later article attributed similar

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Carmel, 2012

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# Failures of Cobalamin Assays in Pernicious Anemia

NEJM 2012

The three CBLAs showed false normal values in 6 of 23 (26%), 5 of 23 (22%), and 8 of 23 (35%) serum samples, respectively, as compared with a radioisotope-dilution assay ( $P=0.03$ ,  $P=0.06$ , and  $P=0.02$ ) (Table 1). Five serum samples failed with

**Table 1.** Comparison of Cobalamin Results According to Assay in 23 Cobalamin–Deficient Patients with and without Anti–Intrinsic Factor Antibodies.\*

Serum Sample No.	Anti–Intrinsic Factor Anti- bodies	Radioisotope- Dilution Assay	Competitive-Binding Luminescence Assay			Cause of Cobalamin Deficiency
			No. 1†	No. 2‡	No. 3§	
			cobalamin level — ng/liter			
1	Negative	0	56	94	86	Pernicious anemia
2	Negative	10	65	106	114	Malabsorption of cobalamin in food¶
3	Negative	13	75	72	116	Pernicious anemia
4	Negative	23	20	87	116	Veganism¶
5	Negative	25	0	60	105	Pernicious anemia
6	Negative	25	30	83	106	Postgastrectomy state¶
7	Negative	60	97	167	173	Pernicious anemia
8	Negative	149	155	215	200	Pernicious anemia
9	Positive	0	29	88	103	Pernicious anemia
10	Positive	3	0	57	97	Pernicious anemia
11	Positive	12	<u>239</u>	71	181	Pernicious anemia
12	Positive	17	2	66	129	Pernicious anemia
13	Positive	53	92	141	<u>288</u>	Pernicious anemia
14	Positive	64	123	158	170	Pernicious anemia
15	Positive	88	<u>258</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>313</u>	Pernicious anemia
16	Positive	97	126	185	161	Pernicious anemia
17	Positive	120	126	186	175	Pernicious anemia
18	Positive	127	118	202	<u>206</u>	Pernicious anemia
19	Positive	151	<u>247</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>270</u>	Pernicious anemia
20	Positive	158	<u>268</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>303</u>	Pernicious anemia
21	Positive	162	<u>259</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>306</u>	Pernicious anemia
22	Positive	165	147	216	<u>219</u>	Pernicious anemia
23	Positive	172	188	234	269	Pernicious anemia

Carmel, 2012  
DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc1204070





## False normal B12 Results and Risk of Neurological Damage

UK NEQAS Haematinics is keen to publicise their concerns on problems with current B12 assays which may be vulnerable to interference resulting in normal values despite severe cobalamin deficiency. The Committee advises that where there is a discordance between the clinical features of neuropathy such as

parasthesiae, loss of joint position sense, or megaloblastic anaemia and a "normal" B12 result, clinicians are advised to request storage of serum for further testing and are advised to treat the patient with B12 replacement therapy.

Further testing may include repeat testing by an alternative B12 assay, holotranscobalamin assay,

serum methylmalonic acid and measurement of intrinsic factor antibody. Treatment with B12 should not be delayed to avoid progression of neurological damage.

For further information please see this recent paper: Carmel R, Argawal YP. Failures of cobalamin assays in pernicious anemia. *NEJM* 2012 367: 4; 385-386. ■

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UK NEQAS HaemaGnics , 2013

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## Urinary Methylmalonic Acid Test May Have Greater Value than the Total Homocysteine Assay for Screening Elderly Individuals for Cobalamin Deficiency

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# Urinary Methylmalonic Acid Test May Have Greater Value than the Total Homocysteine Assay for Screening Elderly Individuals for Cobalamin Deficiency

- The UMMA test appears to meet the criteria for an acceptable screening test and is the only cobalamin-deficiency assay that has been validated as a screening tool
- Because of the high prevalence of cobalamin deficiency in senior populations, UMMA screening could spare many from permanent neurologic disability and fatal cardiovascular disease

Norman, 2004  
DOI: 10.1373/clinchem.2004.035790



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## The vitamin B12 absorption test, CobaSorb, identifies patients not requiring vitamin B12 injection therapy

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- Treatment with vitamin B12 has virtually no side effects; however, life-long treatment is inconvenient for the patient and constitutes a cost for society
- Our results suggest that the capacity for absorbing vitamin B12 should be examined prior to the choice of treatment

# Outline

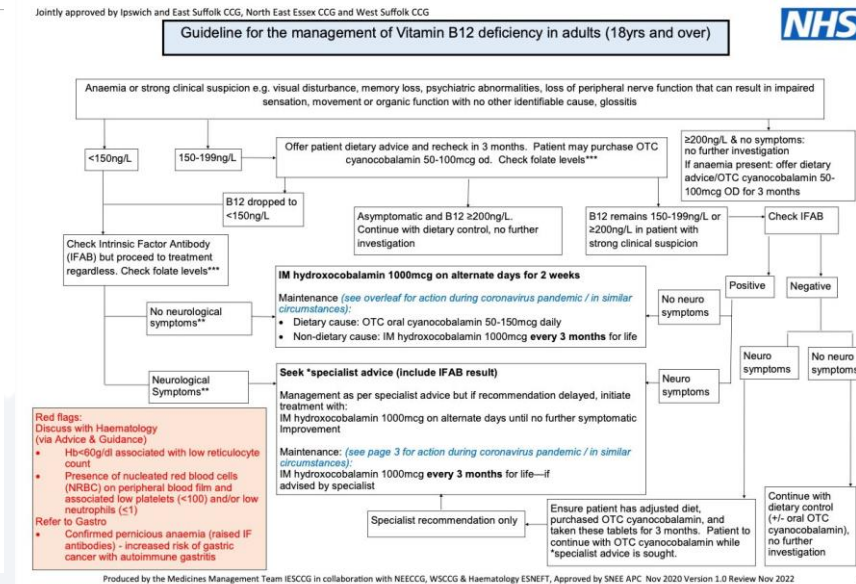
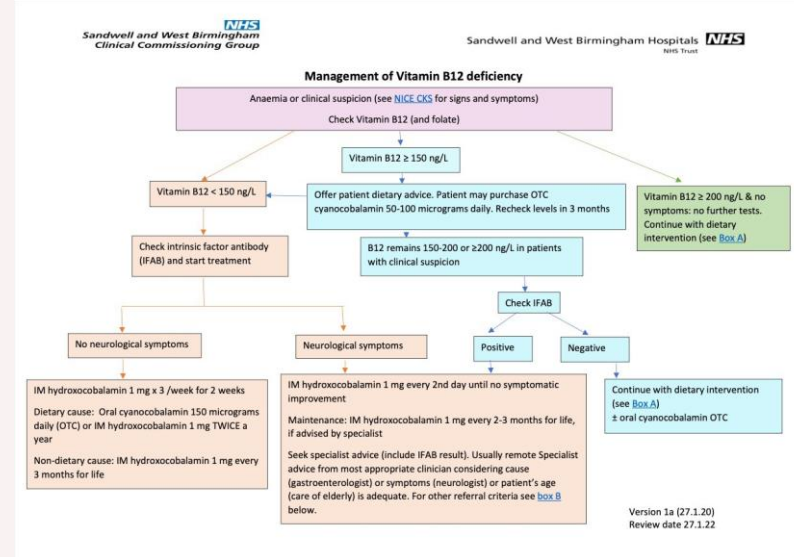
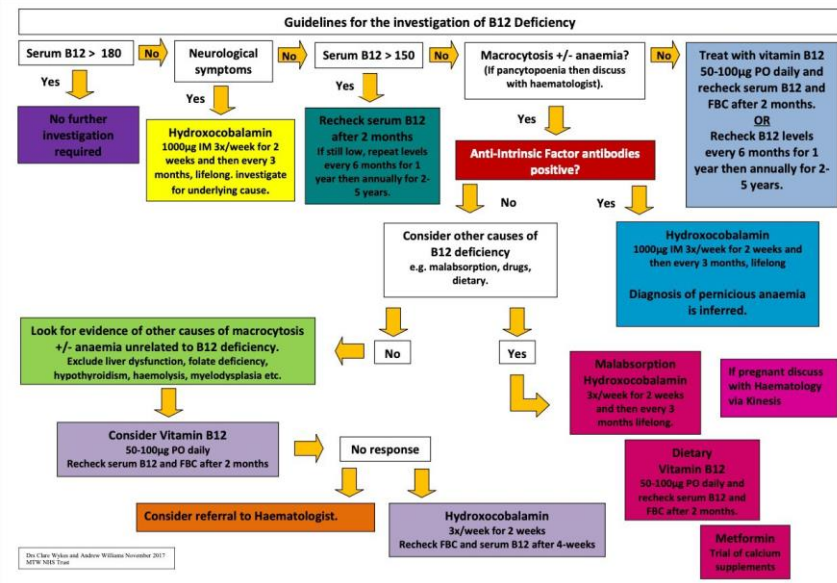
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- Treatment of B12 deficiency in people with neurologic involvement should include:
  - Seeking urgent specialist advice from a haematologist.
  - If specialist advice is not immediately available, initially treating with hydroxocobalamin 1 mg intramuscularly on alternate days until there is no further improvement, then hydroxocobalamin 1 mg intramuscularly every 2 months should be considered.

[cks.nice.org.uk/anaemia-b12-and-folate-deficiency#!scenarioRecommendation](https://cks.nice.org.uk/anaemia-b12-and-folate-deficiency#!scenarioRecommendation)

# CCG / ICS B12d Management Pathways

All different; some examples



No national pathway!

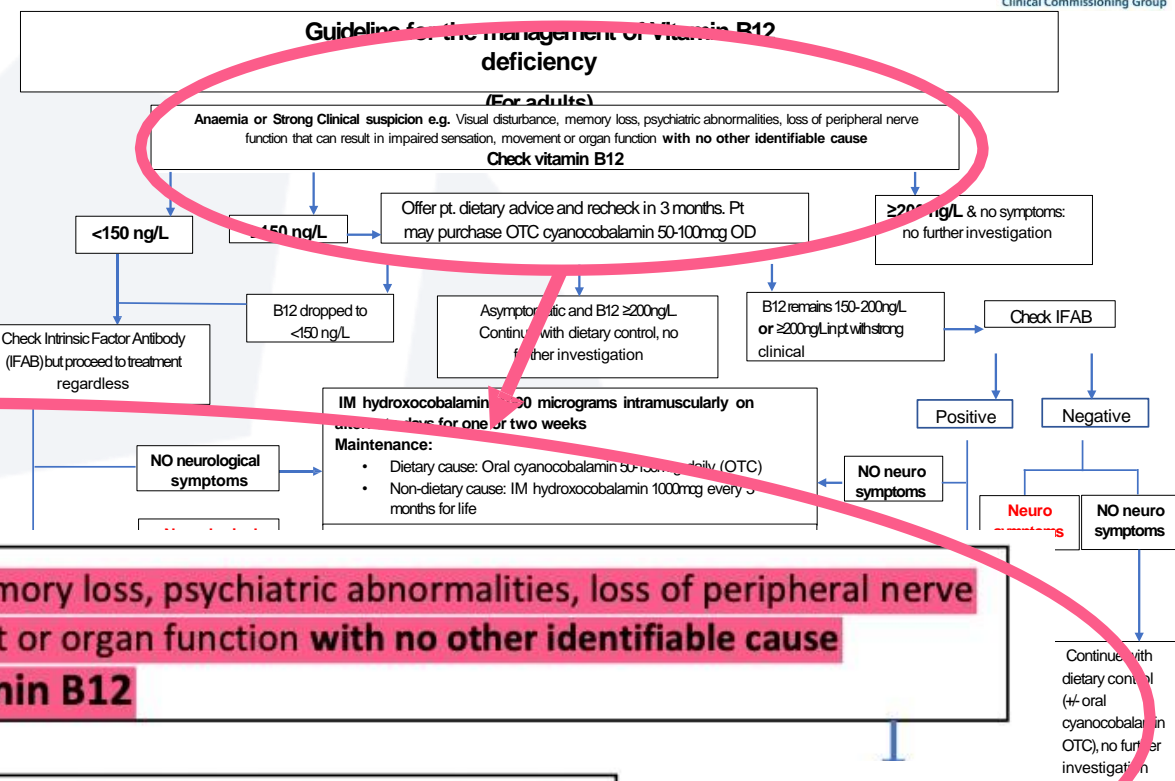
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# Guideline for the management of Vitamin B12 deficiency



**Anaemia or Strong Clinical suspicion e.g. Visual disturbance, memory loss, psychiatric abnormalities, loss of peripheral nerve function that can result in impaired sensation, movement or organ function with no other identifiable cause**  
**Check vitamin B12**

**≥150 ng/L**

**Offer pt. dietary advice and recheck in 3 months. Pt may purchase OTC cyanocobalamin 50-100mcg OD**

[www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/easysiteweb/getresource.axd?assetid=18660&type=0&servicetype=1](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/easysiteweb/getresource.axd?assetid=18660&type=0&servicetype=1)

# St Thomas' Hospital Functional Vitamin B12 Deficiency in Patients With Crohn's Disease

*'This study demonstrates that assessing B12 status in patients with CD using holoTC and MMA identifies impaired B12 status in patients otherwise considered replete with traditional serum testing'*

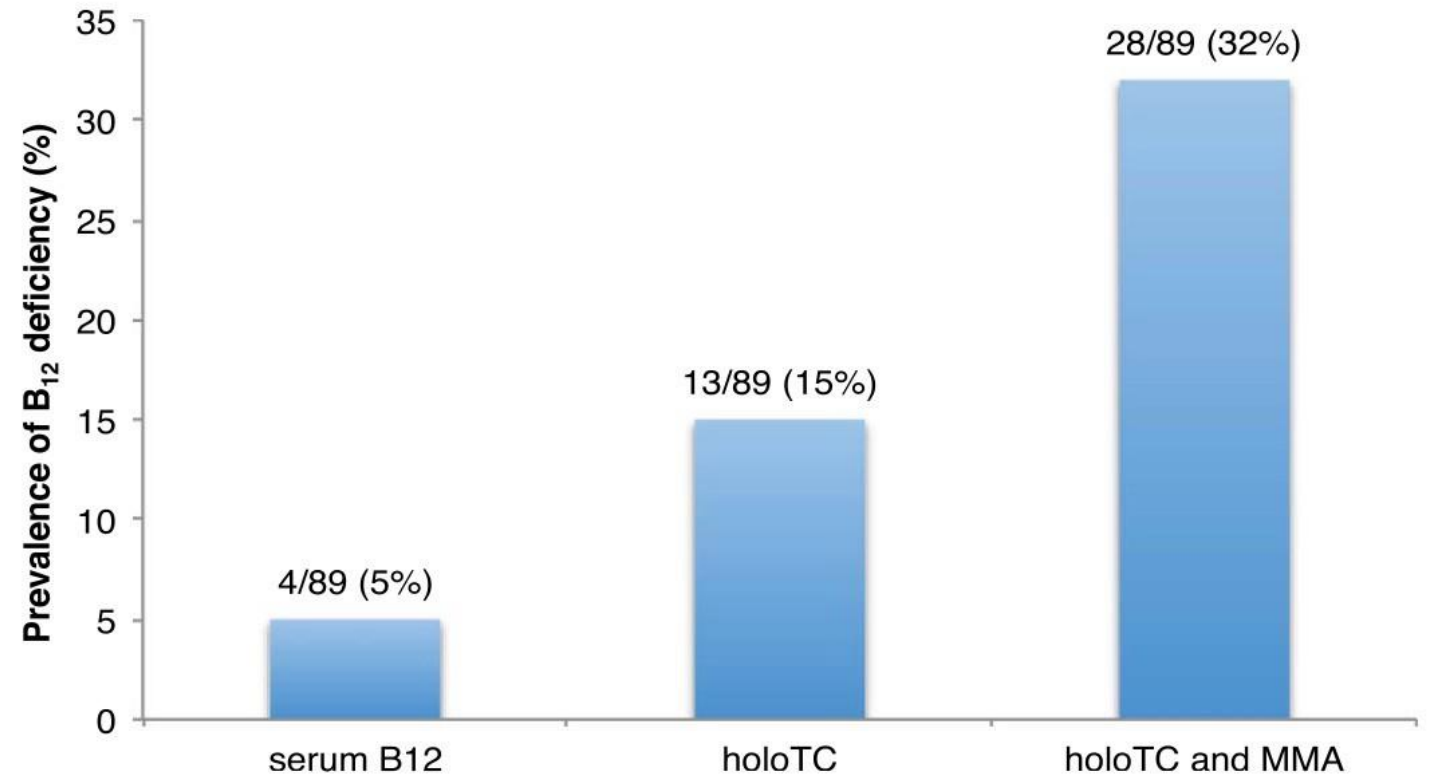


FIGURE 1. Prevalence of B<sub>12</sub> deficiency using different tests.

Ward, 2015

DOI: 10.1097/MIB.0000000000000559



# Patient safety, self-injection, and B12 deficiency:

a UK cross-sectional survey

BJGP 2022

*'Patient safety is a recognised concern in primary care especially for marginalised groups such as people with vitamin B12 deficiency'*

*'The most common contributory factors to safety in primary care are the quality of communication, diagnostics, and medication management'*

Tyler2022

DOI: 10.3399/BJGP.2021.0711

## Conclusion

To the authors' knowledge, this is the largest study to date examining patient safety and vitamin B12 deficiency. It found that four out of 10 patients with B12 deficiency self-medicate via injection. Patients who self-medicated perceived primary care as less safe. Providing patient-centred care and treating these patients with dignity and respect is a policy priority to reduce unsafe health behaviours.

# The Effect of Vitamin B12 and Folic Acid Supplementation on Serum Homocysteine, Anemia Status and Quality of Life of Patients with Multiple Sclerosis

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Nozari, 2019

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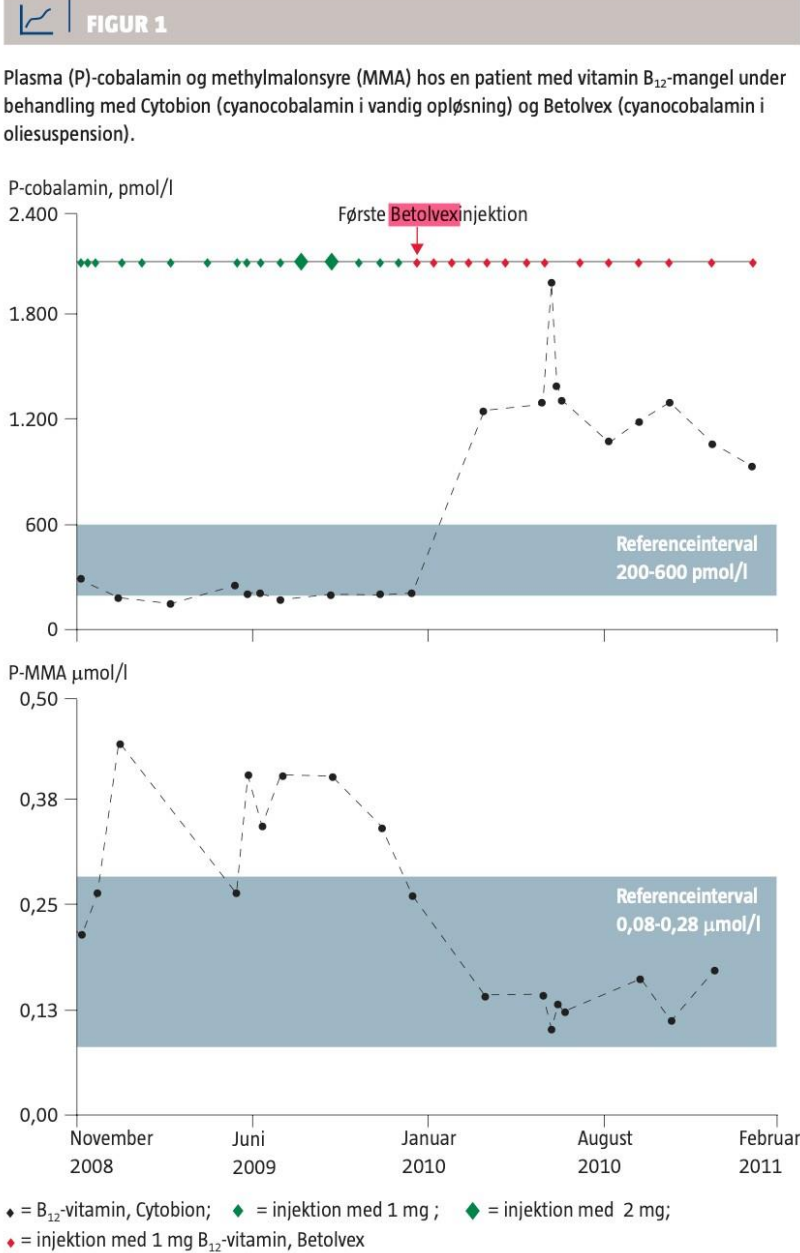
- ‘vitamin group received 5 mg folic acid tablet daily and 3 doses of vitamin B12 (1,000 mcg) injection and the other group received placebo’
- ‘a significant improvement in the mental field of life quality in the placebo... whereas both physical and mental fields of quality of life were improved significantly in the vitamin group’

# Behandlingsrespons ved B<sub>12</sub>-vitamin-mangel afhænger af det anvendte B<sub>12</sub>-vitamin-præparat

Johan Arendt & Ebba Nexø

Maintenance therapy in pernicious anaemia with a depot vitamin-B-12-complex preparation

Arendt, 2011  
PMID: 22027161





## Overdiagnosis: B12 deficiency



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As part of our series on conditions that may be overdiagnosed, GP partner and trainer **Dr David Coleman** considers why and when we might be placing too much stock on vitamin B12 deficiency

- 'many clinicians feel B12 deficiency is often overdiagnosed'
- 'our approach in general practice is inconsistent and that diagnoses will be missed and inappropriately made'

- 'Where I practise in Doncaster<sup>4</sup>, if the patient has neurological symptoms or anaemia and a B12 level of  $<187\text{ng/L}$  we would diagnose vitamin B12 deficiency and treat accordingly with IM injections'
- 'Without clear symptoms, a level of  $150\text{-}187\text{ng/L}$  would trigger a repeat test and an oral trial of treatment only if the borderline low result persisted'
- 'Serum vitamin B12 assay has a sensitivity of around 97% at levels below  $200\text{ng/L}$ '
- I would recommend



## Overdiagnosis: B12 deficiency



07 September 2023



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I would recommend...

1. 'make sure all clinicians are aware of the latest local guidelines for testing and diagnosis'
2. 'identify if the diagnostic guidelines were followed. If not, consider pausing treatment and retesting'

***David Coleman is a GP partner and trainer in Doncaster, South Yorkshire***

# B12: Placebo or is there a risk of healthcare professionals GaslighGng?

## GASLIGHTING FEELS LIKE:

"I never said that"

"You are so dramatic"

"You need help"

"You are over reacting again"

"You sound crazy"

"You're acting insane"

"You are making stuff up"

"It's your own fault  
you feel that way"





# Key Point

*An over-reliance on a 'Serum B12' Competitive Binding Luminescent Assay (CBLA) with a 35% sensitivity for Vitamin B12 Deficiency (B12d) has led to a National Health Service that under-diagnoses and under-treats B12d, a known comorbidity in a broad-spectrum of health conditions'*

# Outline

- Biological Anthropology
- B12 Deficiency (B12d)
- Exacerbating Factors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Underdiagnosis
- Undertreatment
- **Diabetes**
- Reawakening
- club-12



# VITAMIN B<sub>12</sub> *Excretion and* DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

By BERNARD BECKER, M.D., CALVIN A. LANG, A.B., AND BACON F. CHOW, PH.D.

TABLE III  
Urinary Excretion after Injection of Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (50 μg.)

Subjects	No. of subjects	Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> excreted ( $\bar{x} \pm SE$ )*
		μg.
Diabetics without retinopathy	13	4.2 ± 1.7
Diabetics with retinopathy	22	19 ± 2.1
Healthy controls	6	9.6 ± 1.4

\* ( $\bar{x} \pm SE$ )—Mean and standard error.

Becker, 1953

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## VITAMIN B<sub>12</sub> TOLERANCE IN DIABETIC SUBJECTS

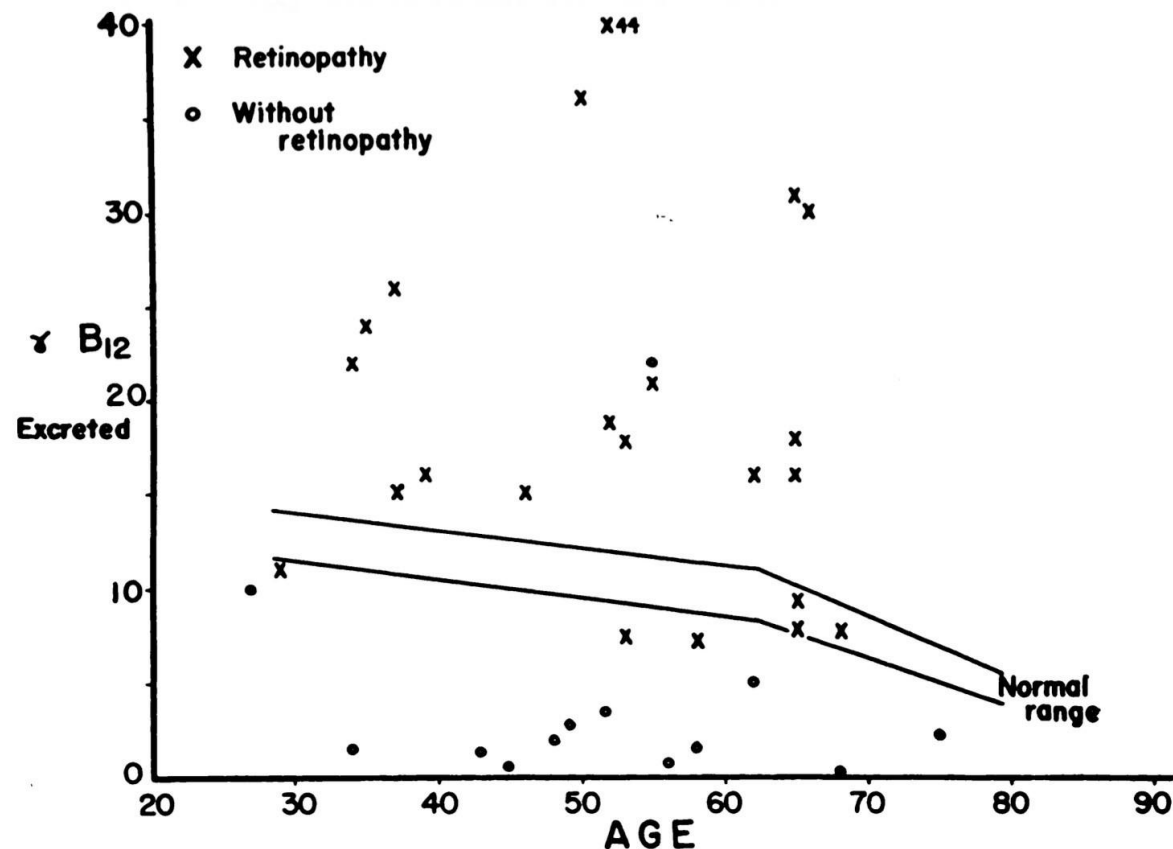


Fig. 1. The urinary excretion after intramuscular injection of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.

*'diabe'cs with re'nopathy excreted an average of approximately 19 μg. of vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and subjects without re'nopathy excreted only 4.2 μg'*

Received July 26, 1954. P.S.E.B.M., 1954, v87.

## Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> Serum Levels and Diabetic Retinopathy.\* (21277)

BACON F. CHOW, DAVID A. ROSEN, AND CALVIN A. LANG.

From the Department of Biochemistry, School of Hygiene and Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University and The Wilmer Institute, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Chow, 1954

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*'Data are presented to demonstrate that the serum levels of vit. B<sub>12</sub> activity in diabetics with or without retinopathy are widely different'*

*'Those with the renal lesions have a much higher activity (292±24) than those without retinopathy (162±18). This difference is statistically significant'*

### VITAMIN B<sub>12</sub> SERUM LEVELS AND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

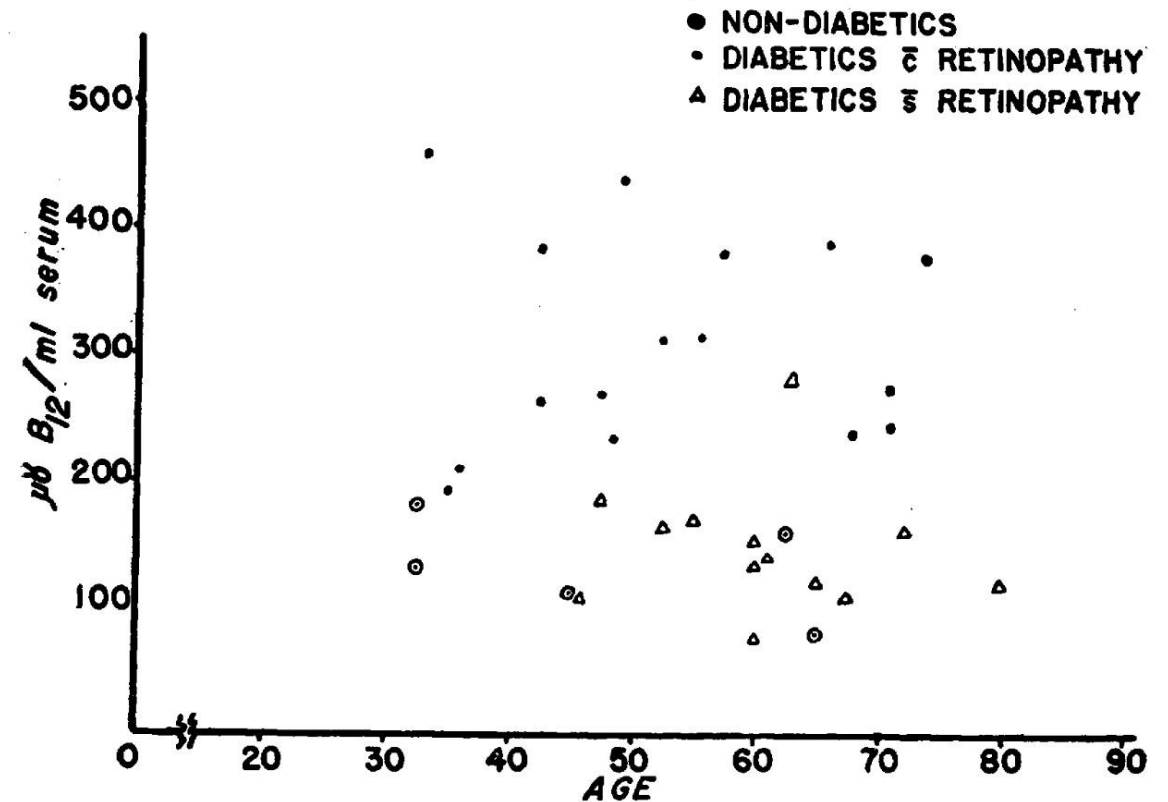


FIG. 1. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> levels in sera of diabetics with and without retinopathy.



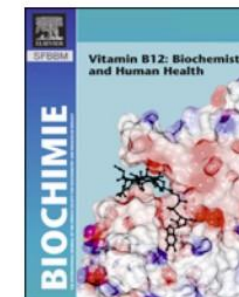


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Research paper

## Serum vitamin B12 not reflecting vitamin B12 status in patients with type 2 diabetes



Rima Obeid<sup>a,\*</sup>, John Jung<sup>a</sup>, Julia Falk<sup>b</sup>, Wolfgang Herrmann<sup>a</sup>, Jürgen Geisel<sup>a</sup>,  
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Obeid, 2013  
DOI: [10.1016/j.biochi.2012.10.028](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biochi.2012.10.028)

# Serum vitamin B12 not reflecting vitamin B12 status in patients with type 2 diabetes

- Patients with type 2 diabetes showed normal extracellular vitamin B12, but disturbed intracellular B12-dependent biochemical reactions
- Concentrations of total vitamin B12 and holoTC did not differ significantly between the groups, but **plasma MMA concentrations were significantly higher in diabetics (250 vs. 206 nmol/L)**

Obeid, 2013  
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## *Research Article*

# **Urinary Methylmalonic Acid as an Indicator of Early Vitamin B12 Deficiency and Its Role in Polyneuropathy in Type 2 Diabetes**

**Ai-li Sun,<sup>1</sup> Yi-hong Ni,<sup>1</sup> Xiao-bo Li,<sup>1</sup> Xiang-hua Zhuang,<sup>1</sup> Yuan-tao Liu,<sup>1</sup>  
Xin-hua Liu,<sup>2</sup> and Shi-hong Chen<sup>1,3</sup>**

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Sun, 2014

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TABLE 2: Logistic analysis of influencing factors of diabetic polyneuropathy.

Parameters	OR value (95% CI)	P value
Age (year)	0.73 (0.84–1.08)	0.59
Duration (year)	1.543 (1.302–1.829)	0.045
Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (mmol/L)	0.76 (0.63–0.89)	0.587
High-density lipoprotein cholesterol (mmol/L)	1.03 (0.81–1.42)	0.407
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	0.27 (0.11–0.36)	0.816
Serum creatinine (umol/L)	1.15 (0.79–1.54)	0.313
HbA1c (%)	1.19 (0.85–1.43)	0.254
Mean corpuscular volume (fL)	0.18 (0.11–0.25)	0.884
Hemoglobin (g/L)	0.99 (0.70–1.27)	0.458
Ferritin (ug/L)	1.08 (0.93–1.21)	0.340
Folic acid (ng/L)	0.92 (0.86–0.96)	0.532
Urinary methylmalonic acid/creatinine (mmol/mol)	4.07 (3.15–5.46)	0.001
Blood methylmalonic acid (pg/mL)	2.152 (1.799–2.42)	0.02
Vitamin B12	0.88 (0.794–0.997)	0.547
Holotranscobalamin (pmol/L)	3.89 (2.77–4.56)	0.003

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# Drug Safety Update

## Latest advice for medicines users

The monthly newsletter from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency  
and its independent advisor the Commission on Human Medicines

**Volume 15 Issue 11 June 2022**

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**Metformin and reduced vitamin B12 levels: new monitoring  
advice for patients at risk**

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# Metformin and reduced vitamin B12 levels: new advice for monitoring patients at risk:

- Decreased vitamin B12 levels, or vitamin B12 deficiency, is now considered to be a common side effect in patients on metformin treatment, especially in those receiving a higher dose or longer treatment duration and in those with existing risk factors
- We are therefore advising checking vitamin B12 serum levels in patients being treated with metformin who have symptoms suggestive of vitamin B12 deficiency
- We also advise that periodic monitoring for patients with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency should be considered

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Drug Safety Update volume 15, issue 11: June 2022: 1.

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/metformin-and-reduced-vitamin-b12-levels-new-advice-for-monitoring-patients-at-risk>



# Advice for healthcare professionals:

- metformin can commonly reduce vitamin B12 levels in patients, which may lead to vitamin B12 deficiency
- the risk of low vitamin B12 levels increases with higher metformin dose, longer treatment duration, and in patients with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency
- test vitamin B12 serum levels if deficiency is suspected (for example, in patients presenting with megaloblastic anaemia or new-onset neuropathy) and follow current clinical guidelines on investigation and management of vitamin B12 deficiency (for example, see Clinical Knowledge Summary from NICE)
- consider periodic vitamin B12 monitoring in patients with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency (see list of risk factors in article)
- administer corrective treatment for vitamin B12 deficiency in line with current clinical guidelines; continue metformin therapy for as long as it is tolerated and not contraindicated
- report suspected adverse drug reactions associated with metformin on a Yellow Card

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# Product information update

- The current literature suggest that the frequency of this adverse drug reaction is higher than previously thought
- The Glucophage product information for healthcare professionals and patients has now been updated to state that vitamin B12 deficiency is a common adverse drug reaction, and may affect up to 1 in 10 people who take it.
- The product information has also been updated to note that the risk of this adverse reaction occurring increases with increasing metformin dose and treatment duration and in patients with risk factors known to cause vitamin B12 deficiency.

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# Summary 1: Diabetes, MeKormin & B12d

## MHRA 2022

- 'vitamin B12 deficiency, is now considered to be a common side effect in paSents on meTormin'
- 'advising checking vitamin B12 serum levels in paSents being treated with meTormin who have symptoms suggesSve of vitamin B12 deficiency'
- 'periodic monitoring for paSents with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency should be considered'

## The Science

- Sole measurement of plasma vitamin B12 is no longer enough to idenSfy vitamin B12 (B12) deficiency
- When plasma vitamin B12 is in the low-normal range, especially between 201 and 350 ng/L, B12 deficiency should be assessed by measurements of plasma homocysteine and/or plasma methylmalonic acid (MMA)

# Summary 2: Diabetes, Metformin & B12d

## The Science 2

- uMMA/C is a promising biomarker to assess vitamin B12 status in doubtful cases, notably during renal impairment
- Urinary methylmalonic acid correlates with serum vitamin B12 levels in person with diabetes and is a sensitive marker of early polyneuropathy
- The UMMA test appears to meet the criteria for an acceptable screening test and is the only cobalamin-deficiency assay that has been validated as a screening tool

Should C&P ICS introduce  
uMMA/C to screen for  
B12d in 'at risk' groups  
such as  
DiabeEcs?

# Key Points

- *In Diabetes B12 not getting into the cells so effectively*
- *More of the injected B12 is lost in the Urine*
- *Raising serum B12 is just the start*
- *Getting MMA down is the goal*

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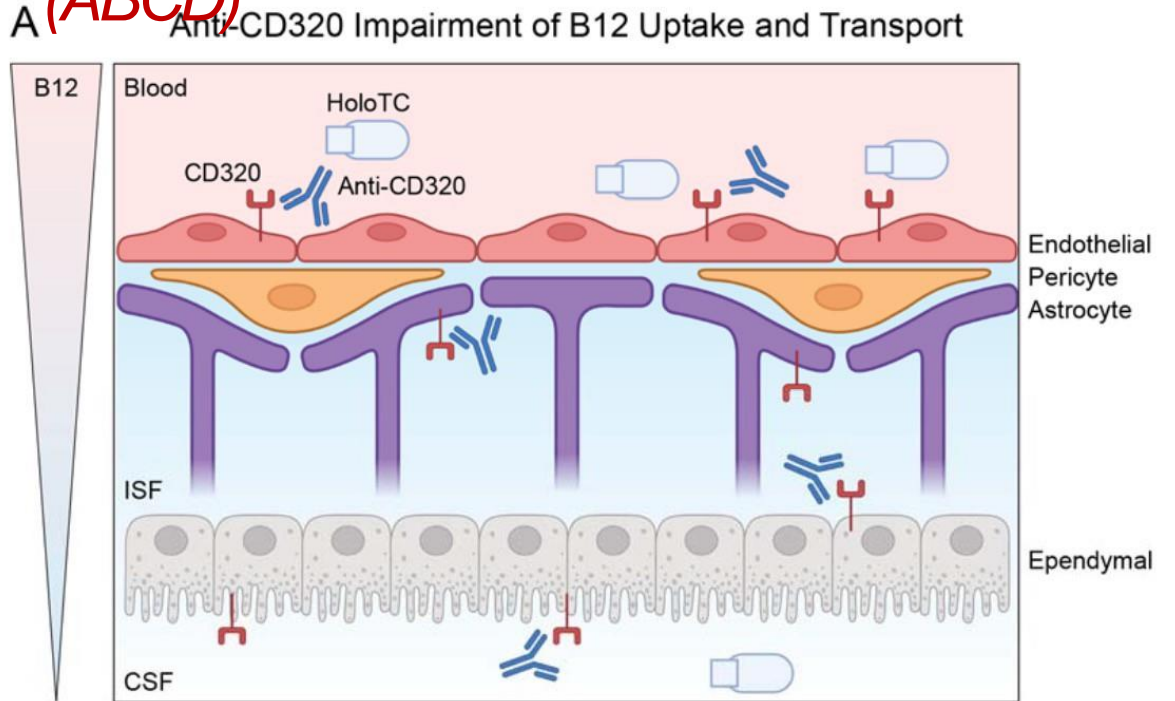
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*'Vitamin B12 is critical for hematopoiesis and myelination. Deficiency can cause neurologic deficits including loss of coordination, spasticity, and cognitive decline'*

*'diagnosis relies on vitamin B12 measurement in the blood which may not accurately reflect levels in the brain'*

*'we discovered an autoimmune cause of vitamin B12 deficiency restricted to the central nervous system (CNS), termed autoimmune B12 central deficiency (ABCD)'*



Pluvinage, 2023  
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# Why's an Orthopaedic Surgeon focused on Vitamin B12?

# Dunn NutriCon Unit

Milton Road

- Studied at the Dunn Nutrition Unit
- Examined in Food & Human Nutrition for Medical Sciences BSc at Cambridge University

# Georgina Elizabeth Owen

## 1998-2019

Followed a 'Vegan Lifestyle' for 3.5 years

Sporadically replenished Vitamin B12

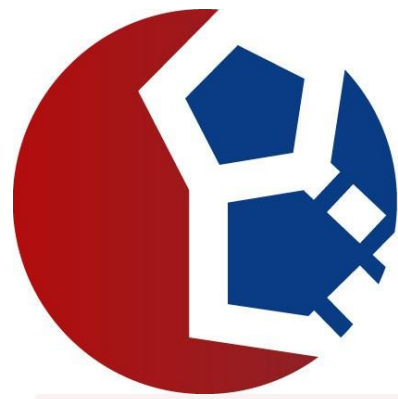
Restarted 1mg Methyl Cobalamin spray after 6 months without

Three weeks later she took her own life suffering an 'acute delusional episode' 21/9/19

Coroner found elevated 'Serum MMA'







# CLUB-12

Formed in January 2020

*‘to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and coordinate research into Vitamin B12 between Scientists and Healthcare Professionals’*

# Aims & Objectives of cluB-12:

- Stimulate discussion on the uncertainties surrounding Vitamin B-12
- Promote and encourage research into all aspects of Vitamin B-12 metabolism
- Encourage multi-disciplinary conversations about Vitamin B-12
- Disseminate research findings to clinicians and the wider public

# cluB-12

## 170+ Members

- Clinical Specialists

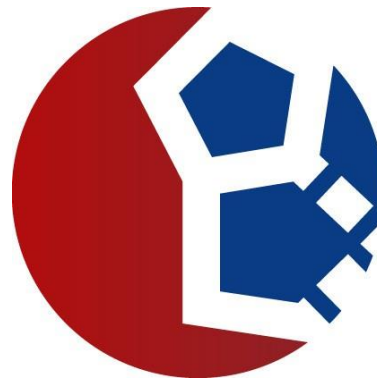
- Neurology
- Haematology
- Psychiatry
- Gastroenterology
- Endocrinology
- Obs & Gynae
- Trauma & Orthopaedics

- Primary Care / GP
- Psychology
- Clinical Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Charity & Lay Members

# Some Notable Achievements

- C-19: BSH C-19 Guidance
- PA 'Task & Finish' Group, led by Dr Kourosh Ahmadi
- club-12 Members involved in NICE B12d & PA
- Supported 'James Lind Alliance' PSP
- Research Collaborations Formed
- EJM Paper – Plant Based Diets
- GiRFT B12
- NHS Patient Safety
- BMJ Therapeutics – In Preparation

# Working with ChariAes: club-12's B12 Alliance





# A Way Forward in C&P?

## Update C&P B12d Pathway

- In collaboration:
  - GiRFT
  - NICE
  - duB-12
    - World Clinical Experts
    - B12-Alliance
- Include MMA
  - & make available to Primary Care
- Embrace:
  - Shared Decision Making
  - Personalized Medicine

## Raise Awareness/Educate

- B12 is safe
  - Brittany Park, HCU Network America
- SCB12 is safe
  - As used in Europe

## Re-look at Depot B12

- Trial in C&P
  - NIHR JLA to Pump Prime

## Monitor potential benefits

- Reduced Disease burden?
  - Dementia, Parkinson's, MS etc.
  - Anxiety, Depression, Psychosis

# A B12 Truth

To the stalwart little band of investigators of vitamin B12 - now more rationally termed cobalamin - there is comfort in knowing that the stream of important scientific problems will never end

If the past is any guide to the future, they will be difficult problems inciting tumult and controversy, and in the end they will yield broad biologic insights and many surprises

William S. Beck MD.  
1998

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One-Carbon Metabolism  
B Vitamins and Homocysteine

17th-20th September 2023

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# Thank you

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# Vascular Disease in the patients with Diabetes

Mr Andrew Busuttil, Mr Gail  
Curran





# Diabetes LES Session - Vascular surgery

Mr Andrew Busuttil MD PhD FRCS - Consultant vascular surgeon

Ms Gail Curran RN INP - Lead Vascular nurse NWAFT, President of the Society for Vascular nursing

# Peripheral Arterial disease

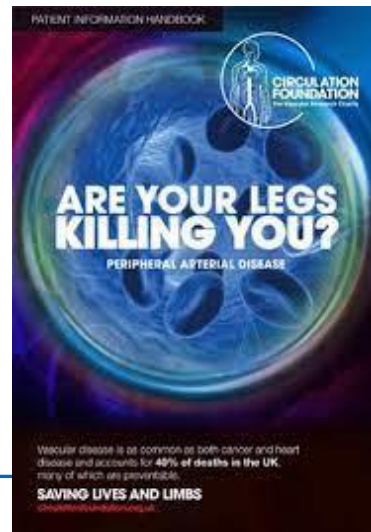
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### Intermittent Claudication

- Pain in specific muscle group
- Brought on by exertion
- Released by rest
- Reproducible
- Angina of the legs

### Critical Limb Ischaemia

- Pain at rest
- Tissue loss
- Very short IC distance (5-10 yards)
- Perfusion pressure of less than 40mmHg



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## Chronic Presentation

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- Clinical assessment - identify risk factors

- Physical examination

- Blood pressure assessment

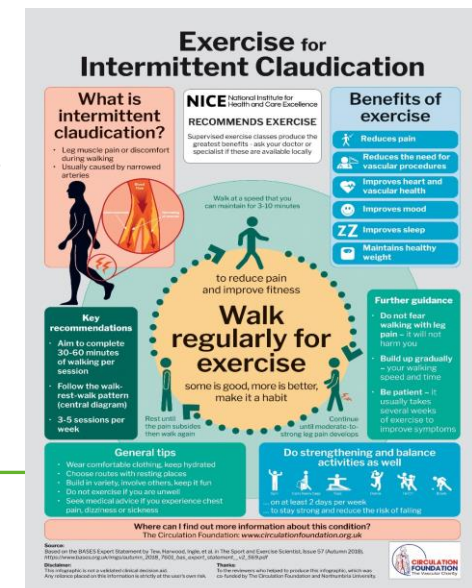
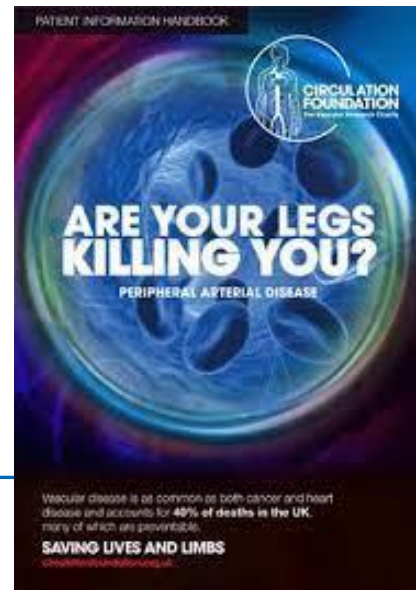
- HBA1C

- Starting HMGCo-A Reductase inhibitor

- Anti-platelet and/or Low dose NOAC

- Smoking cessation


- Exercise advice - healthy you



# Peripheral Arterial disease

Original article

## Risk of major amputation in patients with intermittent claudication undergoing early revascularization

J. Golledge<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> , J. V. Moxon<sup>1,2</sup>, S. Rowbotham<sup>1,5,6</sup>, J. Pinchbeck<sup>1</sup>, L. Yip<sup>1</sup>, R. Velu<sup>3,4</sup>, F. Quigley<sup>4</sup>, J. Jenkins<sup>6</sup> and D. R. Morris<sup>1,7</sup>

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Endovascular Surgery, Mater Hospital, Townsville, <sup>5</sup>School of Medicine, University of Queensland, Brisbane, and <sup>6</sup>Department of Vascular and  
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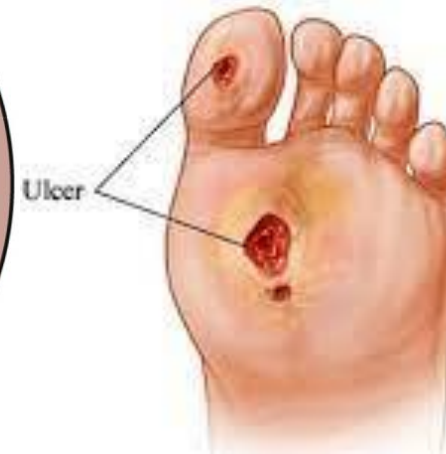
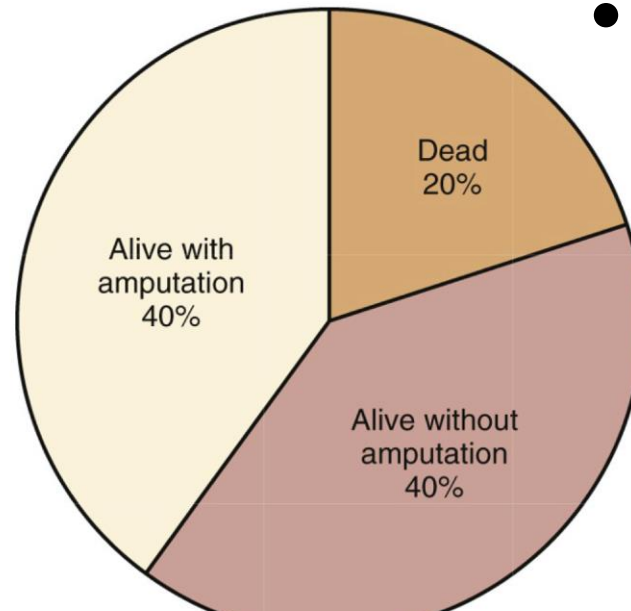
*Correspondence to:* Professor J. Golledge, Director, Queensland Research Centre for Peripheral Vascular Disease, College of Medicine and Dentistry,  
James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, Australia, 4811 (e-mail: Jonathan.Golledge@jcu.edu.au)

# Peripheral Arterial disease

## Chronic Presentation

- Urgent assessment - CLI clinic or early consultant review
- End stage disease
- Often need difficult revascularisation - MDT
- High risk of limb loss and death at 1 year

- Critical Limb Ischaemia
  - Pain at rest
  - Tissue loss
  - Very short IC distance (5-10 yards)
  - Perfusion pressure of less than 40mmHg





# The Pulseless Foot?

Likely cause? - PAD - below the knee disease

Who to refer? -

Acute limb (6 P's)

Tissue loss

Rest Pain





## Critical Analysis and Limitations of Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) In Diagnosis of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)

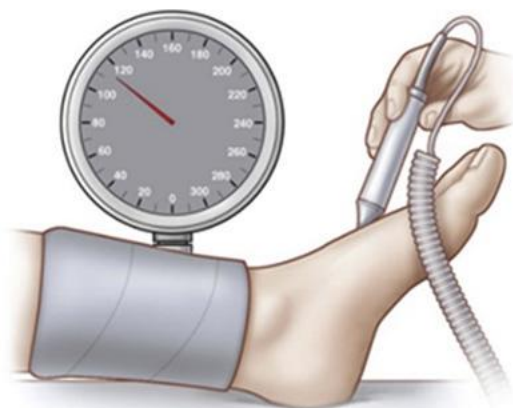


Retrospective review



2226 ABIs and 1383 duplex ultrasound (DUS) examinations

**Resting ABI to detect  
≥ 50% stenosis on DUS**



Patients with PAD	Sensitivity	Overall Accuracy
All	57%	74%
Diabetics	51%	66%
Non-Diabetics	66%	81%
With CKD*	43%	67%
No CKD*	60%	76%

**43%**

of symptomatic  
patients with PAD  
with ≥50% stenosis  
on DUS had  
normal/ inconclusive  
resting ABIs

(49% in diabetic, 57%  
in CKD patients)

\*CKD = Chronic Kidney Disease



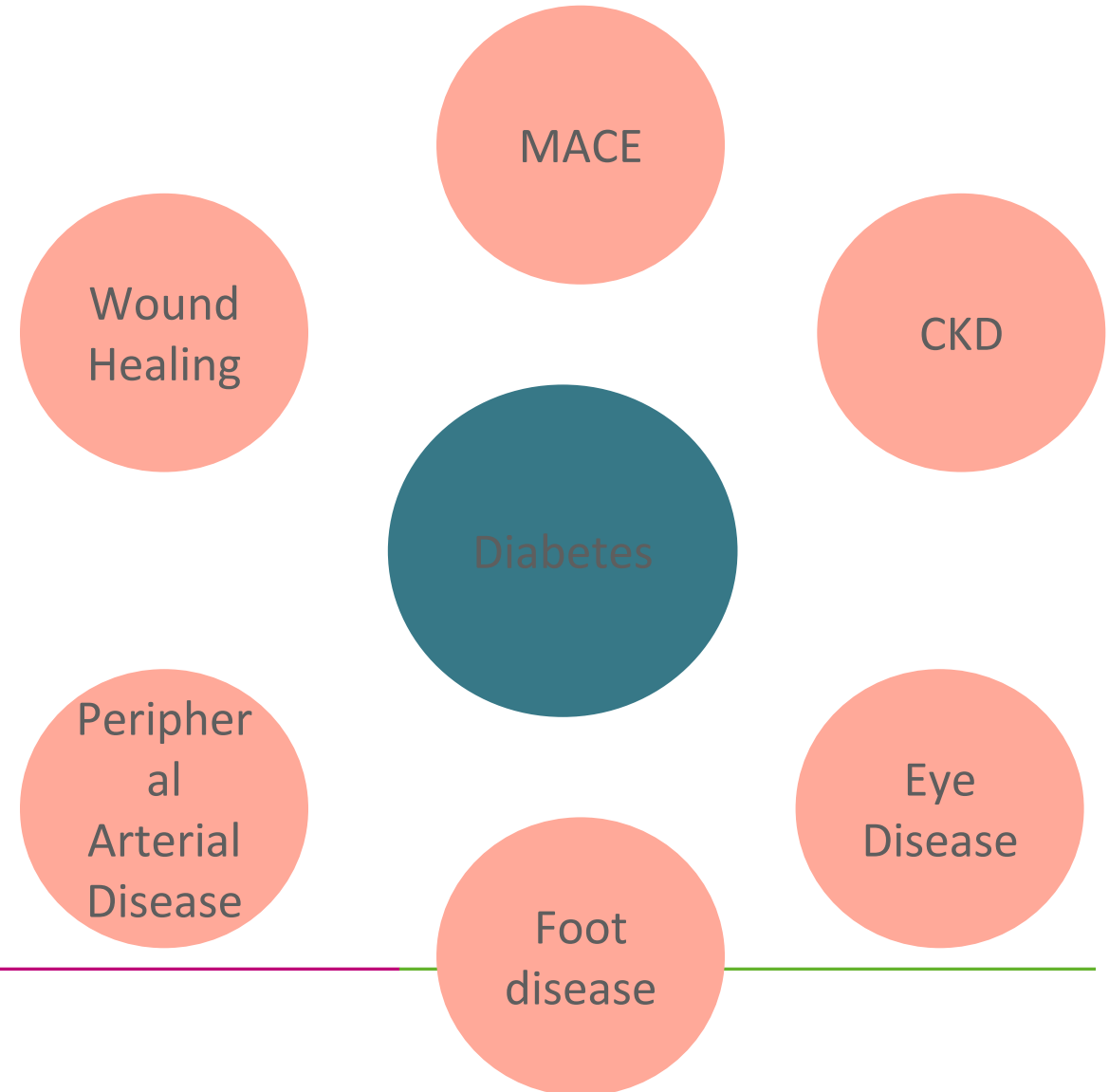
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## How do we fit into the equation ?

- Multiple presentation with foot disease
  - Increased arterial intervention
- Increased risk of post operative complication



# What we offer

Diabetic foot MDT  
clinic and WR

Clinic review for short  
distance claudicants

Arterial  
Reconstruction

Urgent Diabetic foot  
review

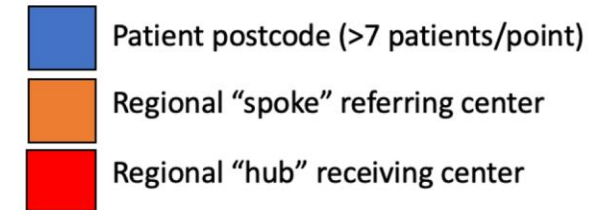
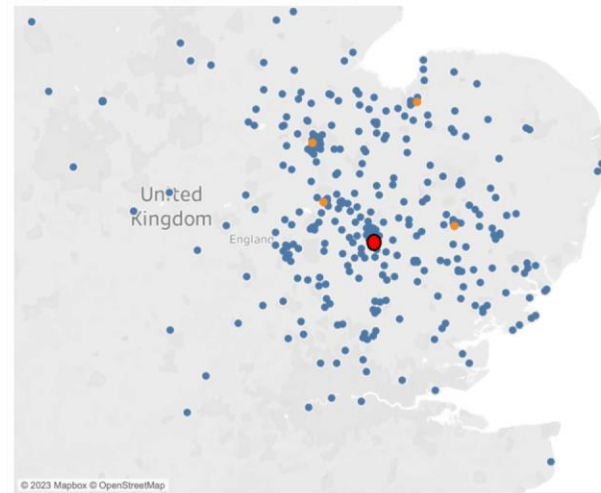
Wound Care advice

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management

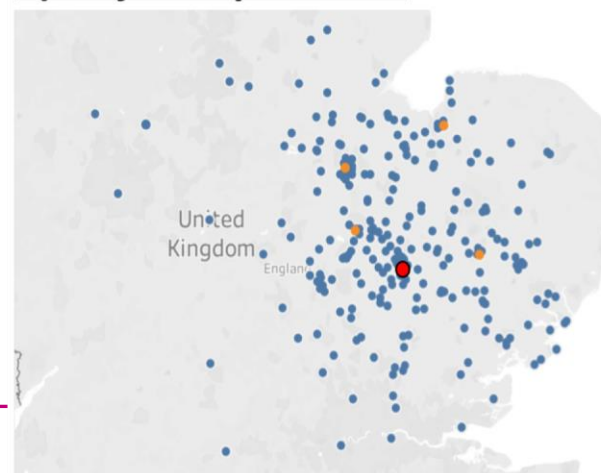
# How can we improve outcomes ?

- Reducing major limb amputations - early involvement of VS in foot disease
- Reducing MACE and MALE complications in Diabetics
- Improved risk factor control
- Smoking cessation
- Patient education and empowerment

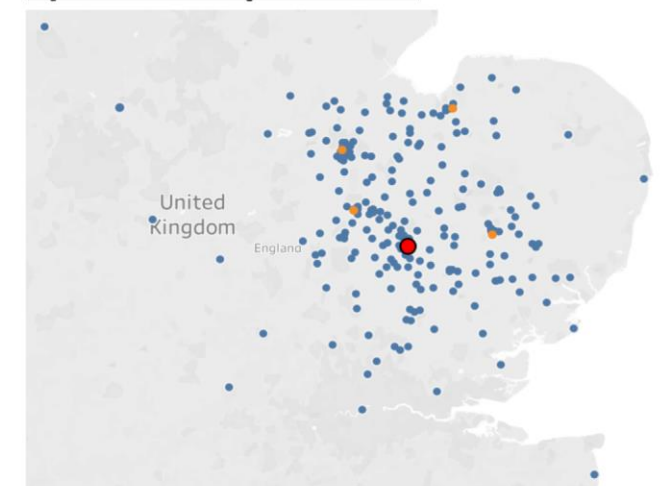
## A) All Amputations:



## B) Major Amputations:



## C) Minor Amputations:





Thank you



**Close**

**Date of the CVD meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> November 23**

**Date of the Clinical Community meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 23**

