

A pan-London implementation document for continuous glucose sensors for adults with type 1 diabetes: device list

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A pan-London implementation of continuous glucose sensors for adults with type 1 diabetes

Device List:

Please note the following when using this document:

- This document is intended to accompany the document 'A pan-London implementation of continuous glucose sensors for adults with type 1 diabetes'. It is not a standalone document.
- Devices are listed/grouped according to common features. This does not imply clinical suitability and does not remove the need for shared decision making about a continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) device that will suit an individual's needs and preferences.
- Please also note that these lists do not constitute a complete list of features for every device.
- The list will only be updated quarterly – therefore the list of devices may not be exhaustive at the time of use, and device features may change. We are satisfied the list of available devices and stated features is accurate and complete as of August 2022.
- Annual cost estimates have not been included for devices that are only available via NHS Supply Chain.
- Annual costs are **estimates only** and are based on the following sources and assumptions:
 1. National Drug Tariff August 2022 [NHS Electronic Drug Tariff \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](https://nhs.uk/medicines/nhs-electronic-drug-tariff)
 2. Use of number of sensors per annum (p.a.) as per NICE NG17 costing template assumptions
- Everyone with type 1 diabetes will require ongoing FP10 prescriptions for capillary blood glucose testing (lancets and strips). This is to ensure a safe mechanism of glucose testing should the CGM device or reader fail/be damaged/lost and to facilitate glucose testing when use of the CGM is not appropriate. Ongoing capillary blood glucose testing has been incorporated into the cost assumptions for CGM FP10 prescriptions.

- Some CGM devices also require additional adjunctive blood glucose testing or testing for calibration, or to confirm hypoglycaemia. These devices are clearly labelled as requiring capillary blood glucose testing in the lists below.
- In addition, for individuals with diabetes that drive group 1 vehicles (motorbikes, cars and light vehicles), DVLA rules state that those with interstitial glucose monitoring systems (rtCGM or isCGM) may need to carry out capillary blood glucose testing in certain circumstances¹. Individuals with type 1 diabetes who drive group 2 vehicles cannot rely on interstitial glucose testing before or whilst driving and will therefore require ongoing regular FP10 prescriptions for capillary blood glucose testing (lancets and strips).
- Given the above, **we have therefore assumed that everyone with type 1 diabetes using a CGM device will also require an FP10 prescription of a minimum 50 test strips and lancets per month for capillary blood glucose testing.** Some patients may require more than this, particularly if their device requires adjunctive capillary blood glucose testing for calibration or confirmation or to confirm hypoglycaemia.
- We have assumed the minimum annual cost of capillary blood glucose monitoring is £156 p.a – this is based on using 50 test strips and 50 lancets per month, with one test strip and one lancet at a unit cost of £0.26 per day; the cost assumptions used by NICE when developing NG17².

¹ DVLA. Assessing fitness to drive: a guide for medical professionals. May 2022. [Assessing fitness to drive: a guide for medical professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/assessing-fitness-to-drive-a-guide-for-medical-professionals)

² NICE. NG17 resource impact template (type 1 and type 2 diabetes and continuous glucose monitoring). March 2022. [Tools and resources | Type 2 diabetes in adults: management | Guidance | NICE](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG17/resources)

LIST 1:

- **Specialist rtCGM**
- **Not available on FP10 – supply chain only.**
- **Speciality features appropriate for specific clinical conditions or compatibility with certain CSII devices**
- **No costings supplied for this list as supply chain costs will vary locally**

Device Name:	Key features of device:	CSII/Closed loop compatibility:	CBG testing required?
Abbott Freestyle Libre 3	14-day sensor. Optional low and high glucose alerts. Data sharing with Data sharing with HCP's (healthcare professionals), relatives/carers via LibreLinkUp. Smartphone access only – no alternative data reader.	None	Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.
DEXCOM G6	10-day sensor and 3-month transmitter. Fixed urgent low glucose alert. Predictive low glucose alert (optional). Data sharing with HCP's and relatives/carers. Optional reader device if no smartphone access.	Yes, compatible with Tandem t-slim X2 and CamAPS systems	Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.
DEXCOM G7	10-day sensor, integrated transmitter – no expiry. Urgent low glucose alert and predictive low glucose alert (both optional). Data sharing with HCP's and relatives/carers. Optional reader device if no smartphone access.	None	Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.

Medtronic Guardian 3	7-day sensor, 3-month transmitter. Fixed urgent low glucose alert and optional predictive low glucose alert. Data sharing with HCP's only.	Compatible with with Medtronic 640G and 670G.	Yes – 2 calibrations per day, in addition to the basic 50 strips per month. Total cost p. a £312.
Medtronic Guardian 4	7-day sensor, 3-month transmitter. Fixed urgent low glucose alert and optional predictive low glucose alert. Data sharing with HCP's, and with relatives/carers via CareLink connect smartphone app.	Compatible with Medtronic 780G	Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.
Medtrum TouchCare Nano	14-day sensor, Rechargeable transmitter. Optional low glucose alerts. Data sharing with HCP's, and relatives/carers	Medtrum TouchCare [®] Nano Tubeless Insulin Pump	Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.

LIST 2:

- **FP10 rtCGM**
- **Available on FP10**
- **All have optional low and high glucose alerts**
- **No compatibility with CSII devices**
- **All devices have sharing capability for HCP's but not all offer sharing with relatives/carers**

Device Name:	Key features of device:	Additional CBG testing required?	Estimated annual cost per individual³:
GlucRX Aidex	14-day sensor, 4-year transmitter Data sharing with HCP's and relatives/carers.	Yes, for all treatment decisions	£778.70 (sensors) ⁴ CBG testing: £624 p.a. ⁵ – minimum 200 CBG test strips and lancets per month
DEXCOM ONE	10-day sensor, 90-day transmitter Optional reader device if no smartphone access Data sharing with HCP's only (via DEXCOM Clarity software).	No	£900 (sensors) ⁶ CBG testing: Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a. No cost for transmitter – pharmacy request and pickup
Glucomen Day	14-day sensor, rechargeable transmitter Data sharing with HCP's and relatives/carers.	Yes, for calibration – once every 2 days	£871 (sensors) ⁷ CBG testing: Minimum 78 strips per month - £19.70 p.a. This is the 'basic' requirement of 50 strips and lancets per month plus 1 additional

³ Costs are correct as per National Drug Tariff August 2022 [NHS Electronic Drug Tariff \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](https://nhs.uk/electronic-drug-tariff/)

⁴ £29.95 per 14-day sensor – 26 sensors per annum. No transmitter costs applied.

⁵ Based on use of 4 test strips and lancets per day at a cost of £0.26 per unit.

⁶ £25 per 10-day sensor – 36 sensors per annum.

⁷ £33.50 per 14-day sensor – 26 sensors per annum. No transmitter costs applied.

			strip + lancet every 2 days (14 per month) for the calibration requirement.
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LIST 3:

- isCGM
- Available on FP10
- No compatibility with CSII devices

Device Name:	Key features of device:	Additional CBG testing required?	Estimated annual cost per individual ⁸ :
Freestyle Libre 2	<p>Optional low and high glucose alerts</p> <p>Data sharing with healthcare team, friends/relatives/carers via LibreLinkUp</p> <p>Optional reader device if no smartphone access</p>	No	<p>£910⁹ (sensors)</p> <p>CBG testing: Minimum 50 strips per month - £156 p.a.</p>

⁸ Costs are correct as per National Drug Tariff August 2022 [NHS Electronic Drug Tariff \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](https://nhs.uk/electronic-drug-tariff/)

⁹ 35.00 per 14-day sensor – 26 sensors per annum. No transmitter.