

Diabetes LES

Meeting 2

13th 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
- 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

13th 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 Busutil, Mr Gail Curran
7.	Close • Date of CVD meeting: 1 st November 2023	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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/ali3obeyyqd9](https://www.menti.com/ali3obeyyqd9)

Eclipse

- Data





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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
Records		
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



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Search Criteria

Medication

Conditions

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Separate readcodes with a comma to add more than one to any boxes below

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*Must Contain All:

Please Select  Select  NOT in Past Drugs: Use BNF

*Must Contain Any:

Please Select  Select  Last Issued: more than days and less than 90 days

*Must Not Contain:

Only show top: Results (Leave blank for all)Show: All Drugs Only Repeat Drugs Only Acute Drugs*Days between: days and days[Search](#)

This search returned more than 1000 patients - please refine your search parameters.

Dual Diagnoses >1000 patients – please check your coding processes

09 Dec 22	C10E.	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

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



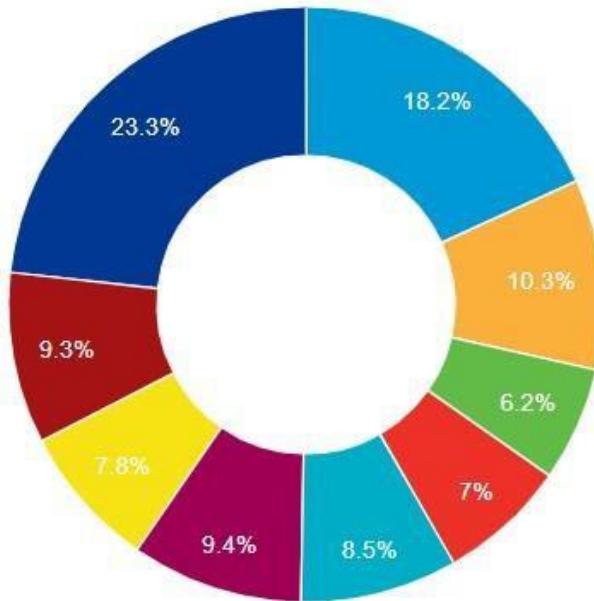
Dual Diagnoses – Common Errors

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



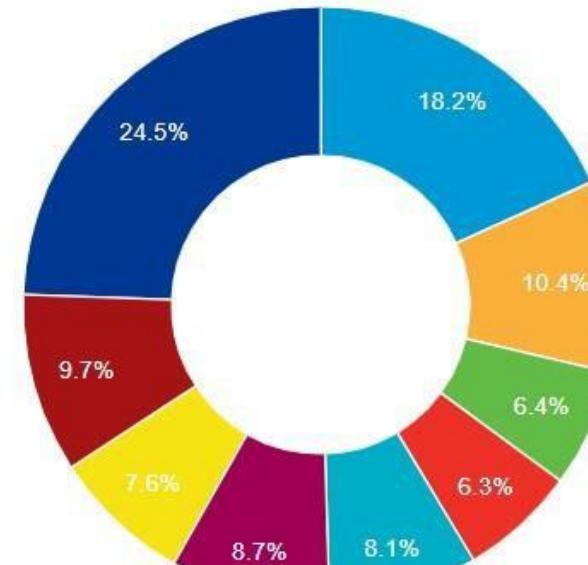
8 Care Processes Undertaken as of September - 23

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8 Care Processes (2023/24) ▾

National ▾

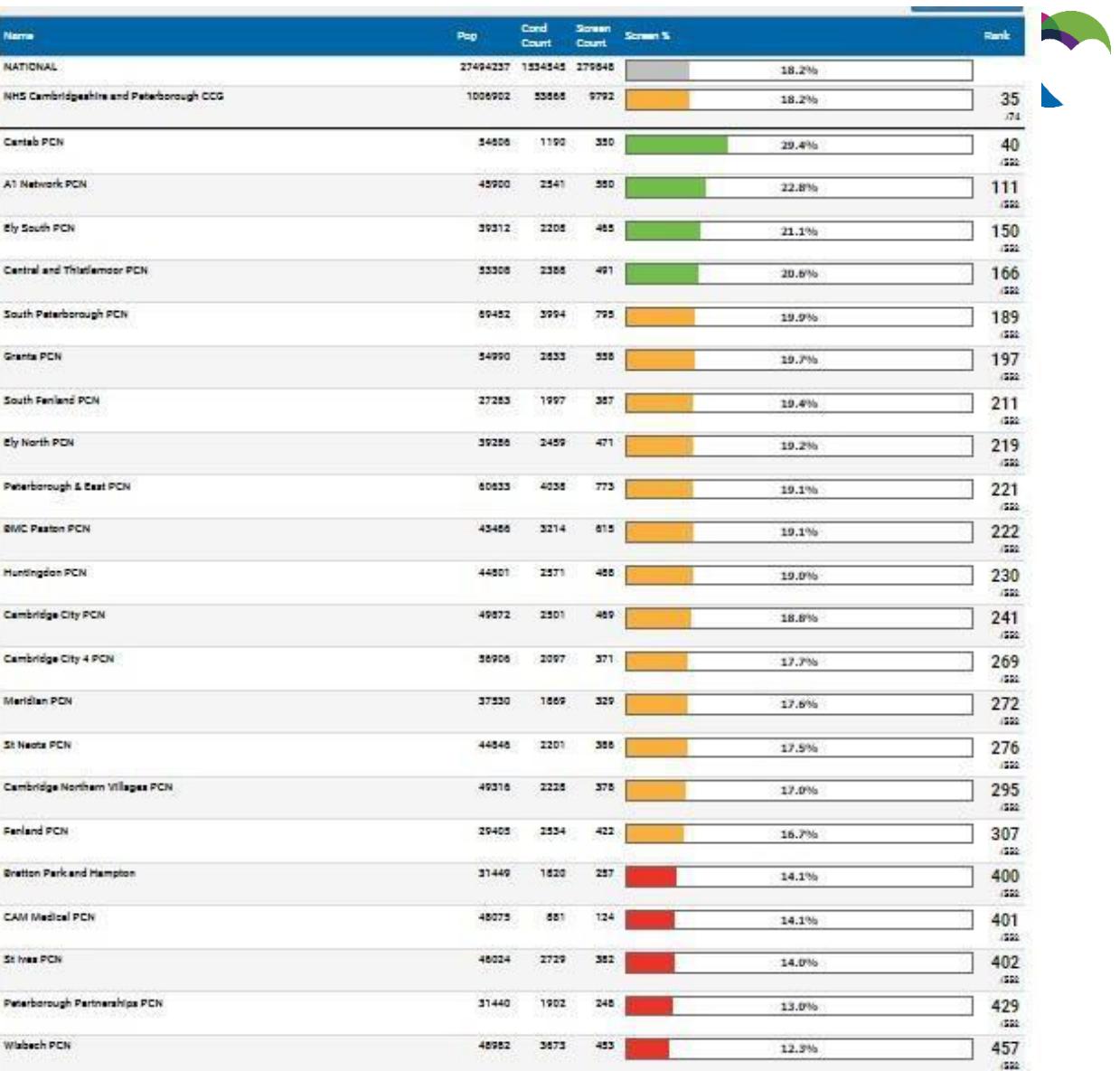


8 Care Processes (2023/24) ▾

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 %





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 style="width: 41.6%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	41.6%	1 /98
PAPWORTH SURGERY	7104	384	134	<div style="width: 34.9%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	34.9%	2 /98
KIMBOLTON MEDICAL CENTRE	6921	359	112	<div style="width: 31.2%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	31.2%	3 /98
BOURN SURGERY	6343	322	100	<div style="width: 31.1%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	31.1%	4 /98
GREAT STAUGHTON SURGERY	4533	289	86	<div style="width: 29.8%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	29.8%	5 /98
FENLAND GROUP PRACTICE	10630	871	254	<div style="width: 29.2%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	29.2%	6 /98
BUCKDEN SURGERY	10080	588	162	<div style="width: 27.6%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	27.6%	7 /98
THISTLEMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE	27728	1167	314	<div style="width: 26.9%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	26.9%	8 /98
WANSFORD	9908	490	130	<div style="width: 26.5%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	26.5%	9 /98
RAMSEY HEALTH CENTRE	7035	616	163	<div style="width: 26.5%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	26.5%	10 /98
CATHEDRAL MEDICAL CENTRE	11159	513	135	<div style="width: 26.3%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	26.3%	11 /98
WELLSIDE SURGERY	7910	519	136	<div style="width: 26.2%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	26.2%	12 /98
BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE	5621	340	88	<div style="width: 25.9%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	25.9%	13 /98
OVER SURGERY	4545	241	62	<div style="width: 25.7%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	25.7%	14 /98
HADDENHAM SURGERY	7181	470	109	<div style="width: 23.2%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	23.2%	15 /98
MONKFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE	12306	384	89	<div style="width: 23.2%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	23.2%	16 /98
MILL ROAD SURGERY	7819	275	63	<div style="width: 22.9%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	22.9%	17 /98
FIRS HOUSE SURGERY	12615	609	134	<div style="width: 22.0%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	22.0%	18 /98
HUNTINGDON ROAD SURGERY	21337	550	120	<div style="width: 21.8%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	21.8%	19 /98
THOMAS WALKER WESTGATE HEALTHCARE	25292	1573	339	<div style="width: 21.6%; background-color: #2e7131; height: 10px;"></div>	21.6%	20 /98

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%



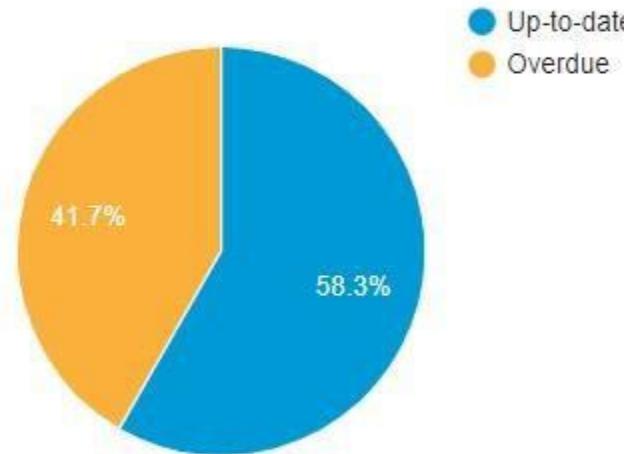
8CP: Urine ACR



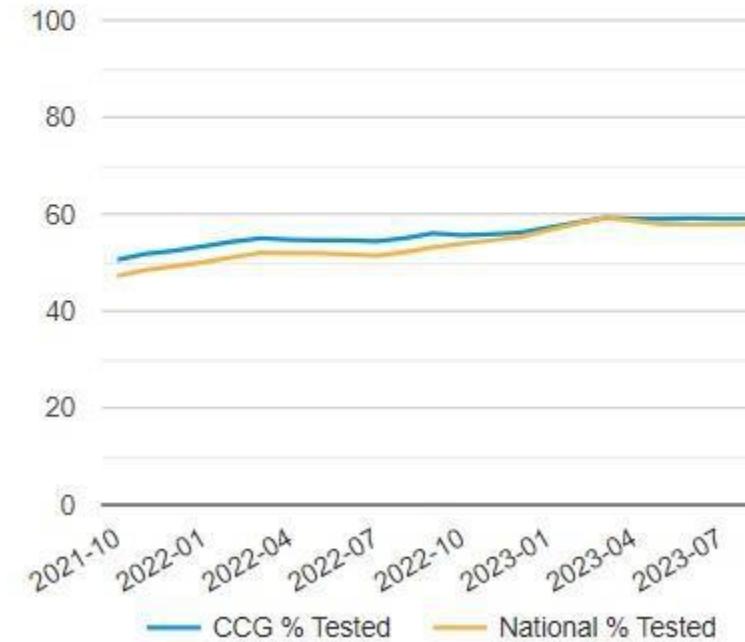
ACR

Patient Screening ▾

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



ACR (Rolling 12m) - % Patients Tested



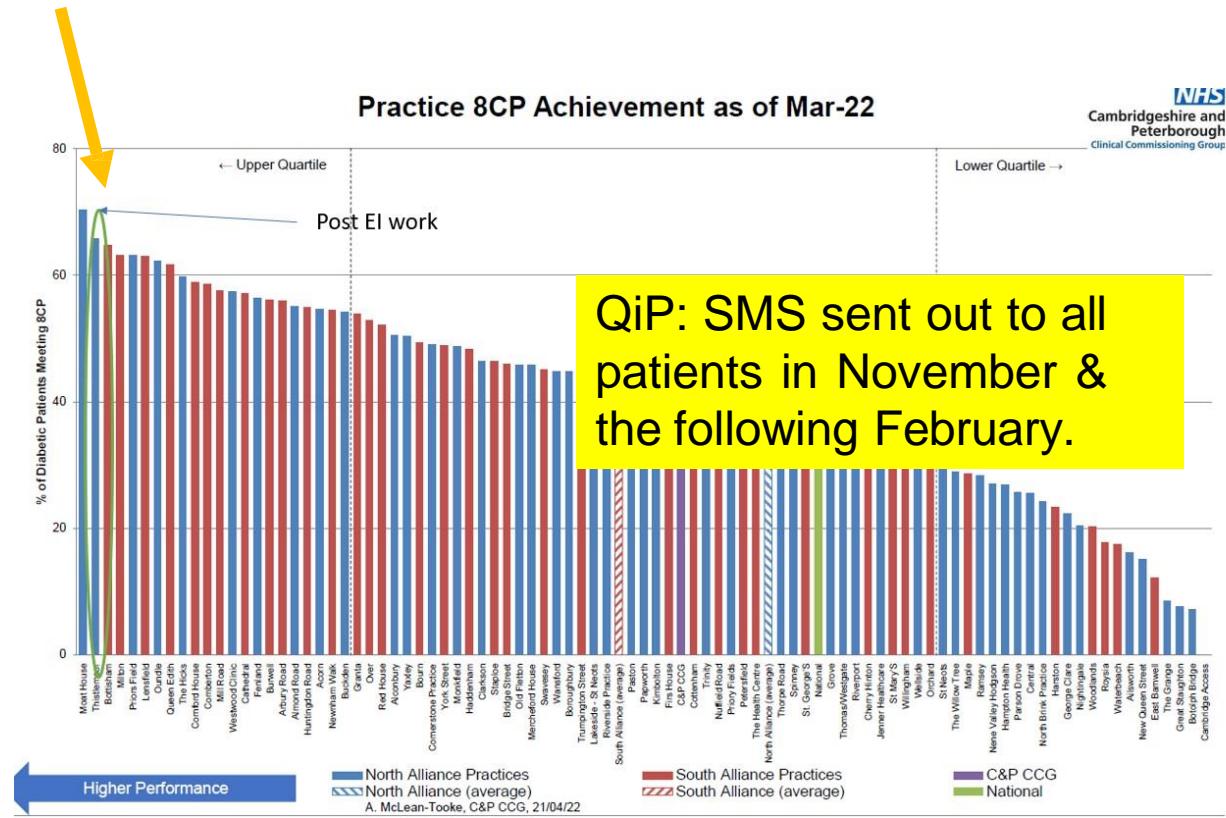
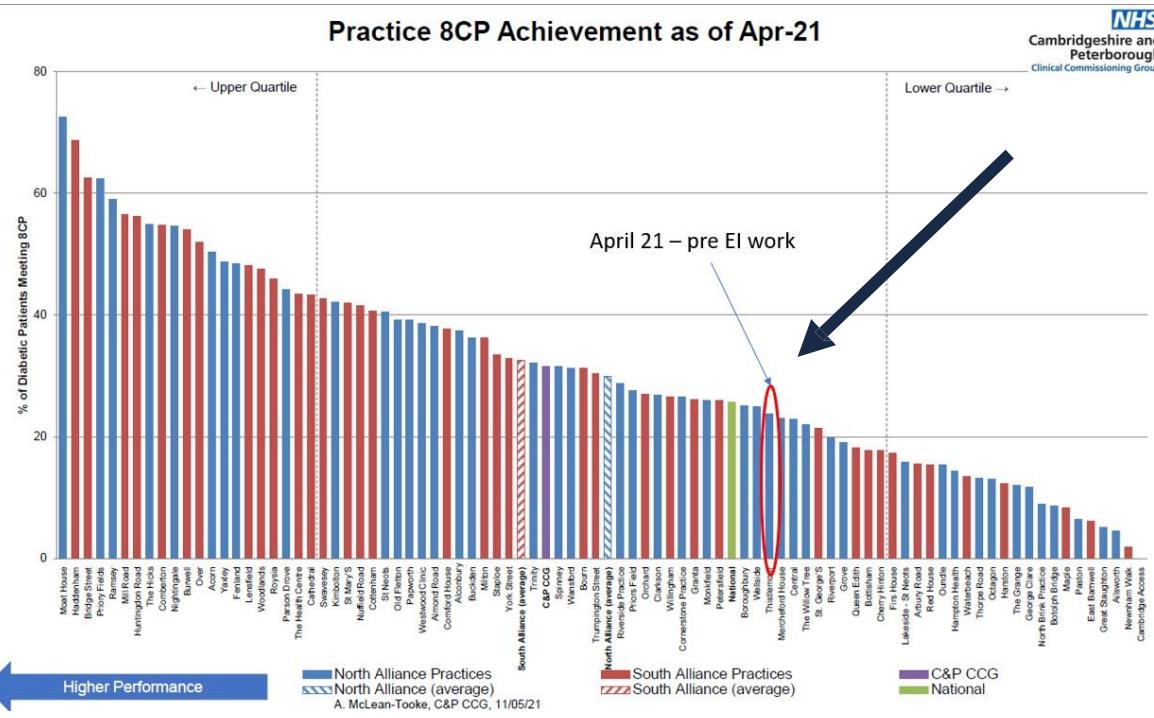
Urine ACR Achievement as of September-23



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 /52
St Ives PCN	46031	2729	1988	72.8%	3 /52
Ely South PCN	39309	2207	1591	72.1%	5 /52
Cantab PCN	54626	1193	857	71.8%	6 /52
A1 Network PCN	45895	2543	1806	71.0%	10 /52
Ely North PCN	39283	2458	1738	70.7%	14 /52
St Neots PCN	44846	2201	1541	70.0%	21 /52
Cambridge City 4 PCN	56911	2098	1457	69.4%	29 /52
South Fenland PCN	27283	1997	1370	68.6%	36 /52
CAM Medical PCN	48075	881	603	68.4%	38 /52
Huntingdon PCN	44800	2571	1758	68.4%	40 /52
Cambridge Northern Villages PCN	49285	2229	1518	68.1%	45 /52
Granta PCN	54988	2833	1908	67.3%	53 /52
Meridian PCN	37530	1867	1256	67.3%	57 /52
Cambridge City PCN	49867	2501	1636	65.4%	85 /52
Central and Thistlemoor PCN	53308	2388	764	32.0%	447 /52
Fenland PCN	29404	2534	749	29.6%	459 /52
South Peterborough PCN	69455	3994	913	22.9%	518 /52
Peterborough & East PCN	60633	4038	793	19.6%	542 /52
Wisbech PCN	48977	3672	697	19.0%	544 /52
Peterborough Partnerships PCN	31440	1902	343	18.0%	546 /52
Bretton Park and Hampton	31448	1820	307	16.9%	549 /52
BMC Paston PCN	43485	3214	522	16.2%	550 /52



Successful QIP 8 Care Processes using Eclipse at Practice Level



950 Patients with Diabetes at a Deep End Practice.

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

60th/84 practices in the CCG.

Using Eclipse & Practice HCAs:
March 2022: 65% delivery of 8 care processes.
2nd in the CCG.



Healthy IO Update as of 21st 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	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
Ongoing management				A1	A2	A3
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%				
Treatment of CKD includes:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CODING ACE-I or ARBs Statin - Atorvastatin 20mg ON Antiplatelet (consider) 						
www.cpics.org.uk						

Legend:

- No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage (Green)
- Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult (Yellow)
- Mild-moderate reduction (Orange)
- Moderate-severe reduction (Red)
- Severe reduction (Dark Red)
- Kidney failure (Black)

ACR categories (mg/mmol), description and range:

ACR Category	Description	Range (mg/mmol)
A1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage	<3
A2	Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult	3–30
A3	Mild-moderate reduction	>30

GFR categories [ml/min/1.73m²], description and range:

GFR Category	Description	Range [ml/min/1.73m ²]
G1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage	>60
G2	Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult	60–89
G3a ¹	Mild-moderate reduction	45–59
G3b	Moderate-severe reduction	30–44
G4	Severe reduction	15–29
G5	Kidney failure	<15

Increasing risk ↓

Increasing risk →

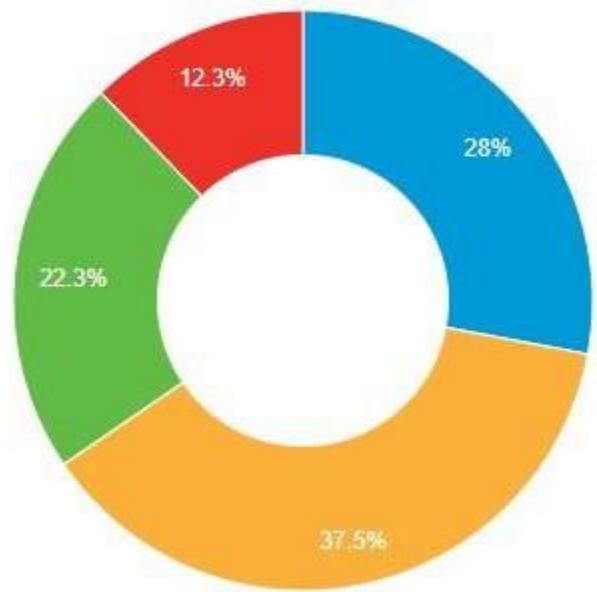


Quick Action Plans	Total Patients	Total Patients needing tests	% Patients needing test	
Phase 1: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes and 3 treatment targets where 1 test is required and previous test was normal	53868	2769	5.14%	View
Phase 2: Patients for review to maximise 8 key processes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



3TT's as of September - 2023

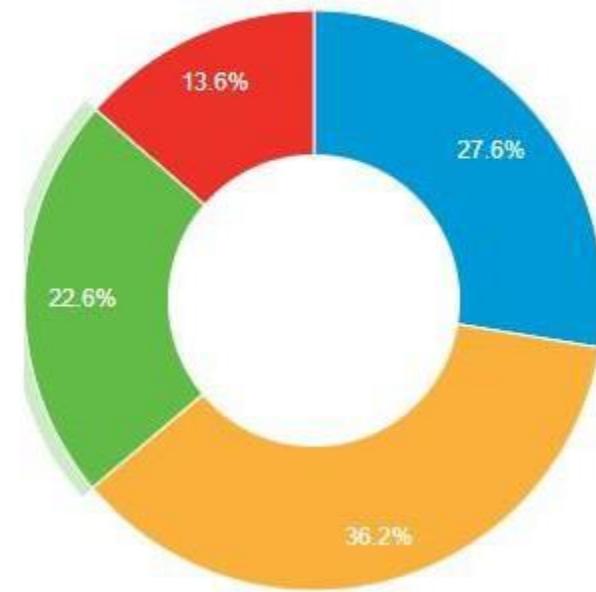
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3 Treatment Standards (2023/24) ▾

- 3 Parameters In Range
- 2 Parameters In Range
- 1 Parameters In Range
- 0 Parameters In Range

National ▾



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Average PCN 3TT Achievement as of September-23



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Wisbech PCN 30.0 %
St Neots PCN 29.3%
A1 Network PCN 29.3%

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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 style="width: 44.4%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	44.4%	1 /88
AILSWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE	3826	192	76	<div style="width: 39.6%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	39.6%	2 /88
ST MARY'S SURGERY	16320	1097	418	<div style="width: 38.1%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	38.1%	3 /88
TRINITY SURGERY	12252	767	292	<div style="width: 38.1%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	38.1%	4 /88
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MILTON SURGERY	4644	217	76	<div style="width: 35.0%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	35.0%	9 /88
CLARKSON SURGERY	9777	912	319	<div style="width: 35.0%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	35.0%	10 /88
ALCONBURY SURGERY	13600	671	233	<div style="width: 34.7%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	34.7%	11 /88
SWAVESEY SURGERY	3324	148	50	<div style="width: 33.8%; background-color: #2e7131;"></div>	33.8%	12 /88
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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

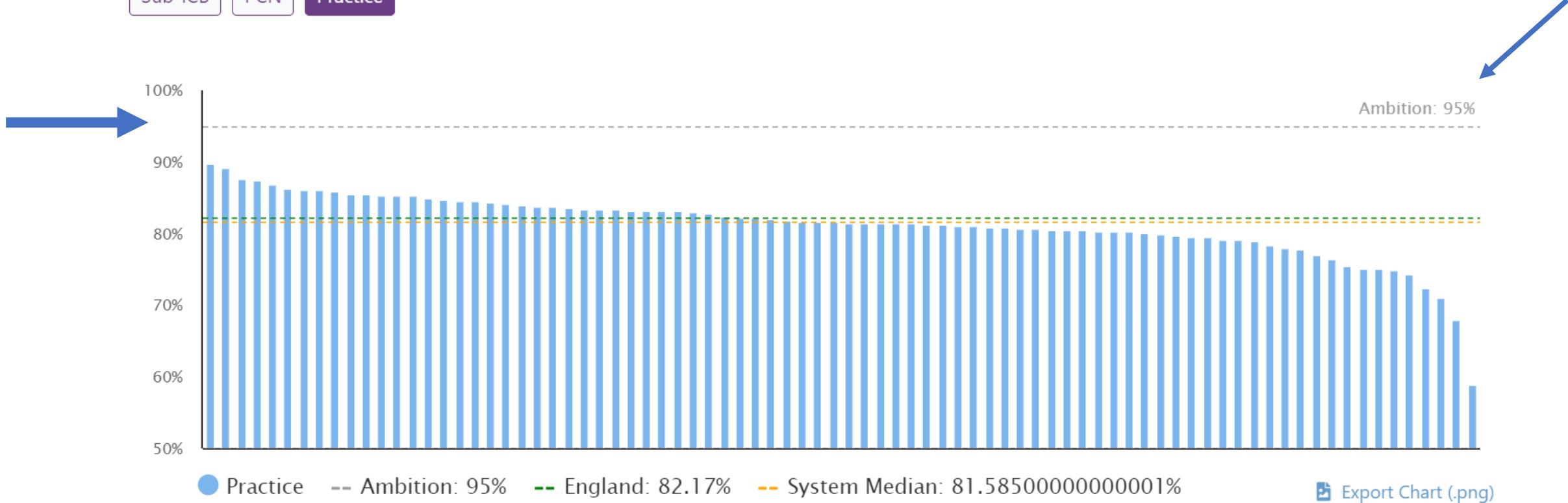
Chart Table

Integrated Care Board

March 2023

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Sub-ICB PCN Practice



● Practice -- Ambition: 95% - - England: 82.17% - - System Median: 81.58500000000001%

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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%



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 ≥ 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



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](#)

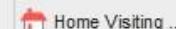


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Referrals



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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



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.



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Adult Social Care

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



Healthy You



Peterborough



Healthy You, by EveryoneHealth

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

Citizens Advice Peterborough

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



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



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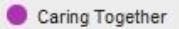
Multi Disciplinary Teams

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.



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

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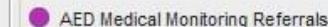
BP @ Home Service

Referrals for at home blood pressure monitoring



NEW SERVICE

Greater Peterborough
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AED Medical Monitoring Referrals

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.



Show recordings from other templates

Show empty recordings

Event Details

Information

Print

Suspend

Ok

Cancel

Show Incomplete Fields



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



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	Glucoject 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
	Glucoze	Glucozen	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 ≥ 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



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



Dexcom One
Automatically
every five minutes to
smartphone or receiver

- ✓ 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
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[Dexcom One - YouTube](#)

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

[Dexcom One Receiver Video - YouTube](#)

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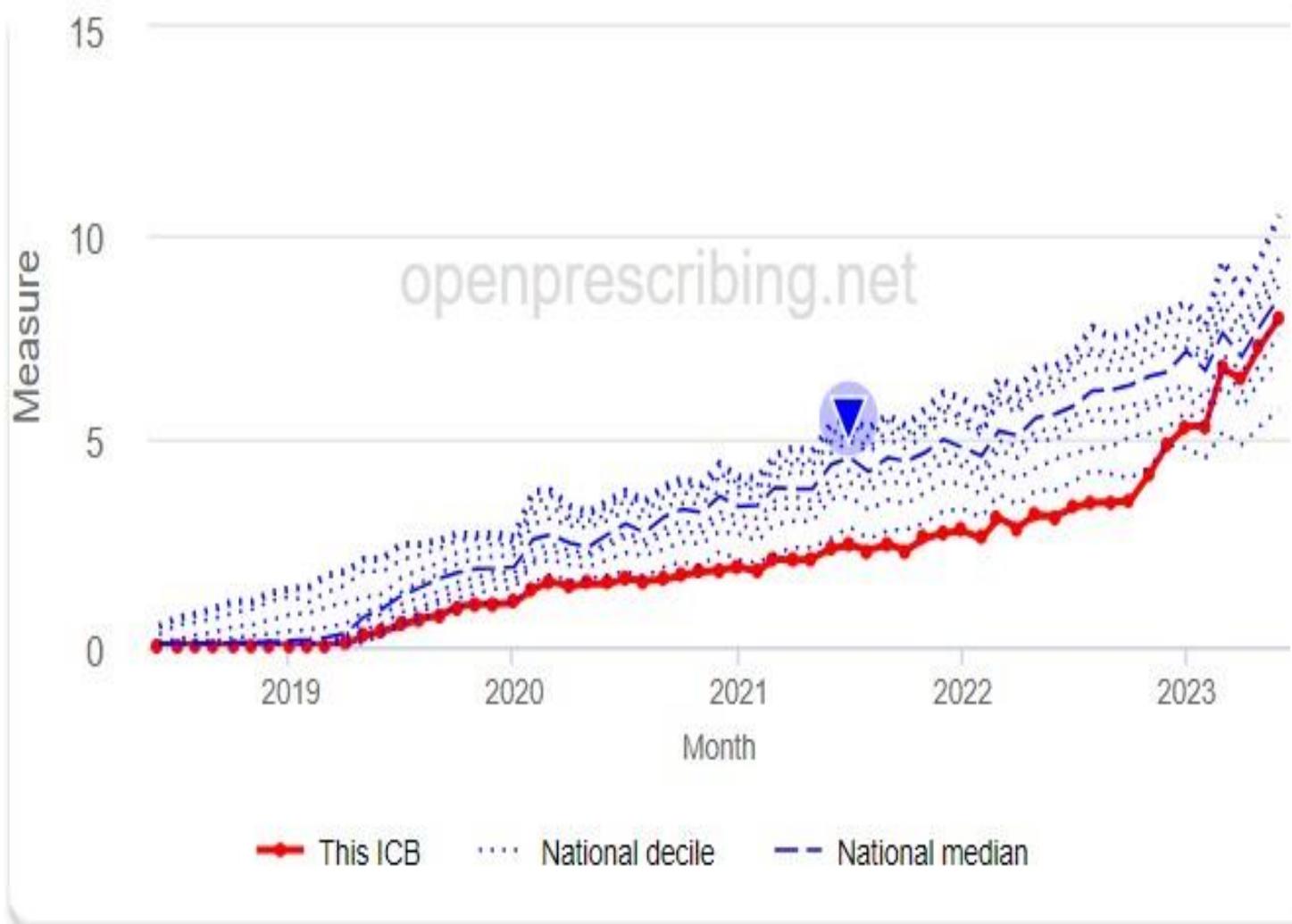


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Association of British Clinical Diabetologist resources: <https://abcd.care/dtn/resources>



Prescribing of continuous glucose monitoring sensors per 1000 patients



June 23 (39th percentile) 8227 sensors prescribed



March 23 (29th percentile) 6949 sensors prescribed

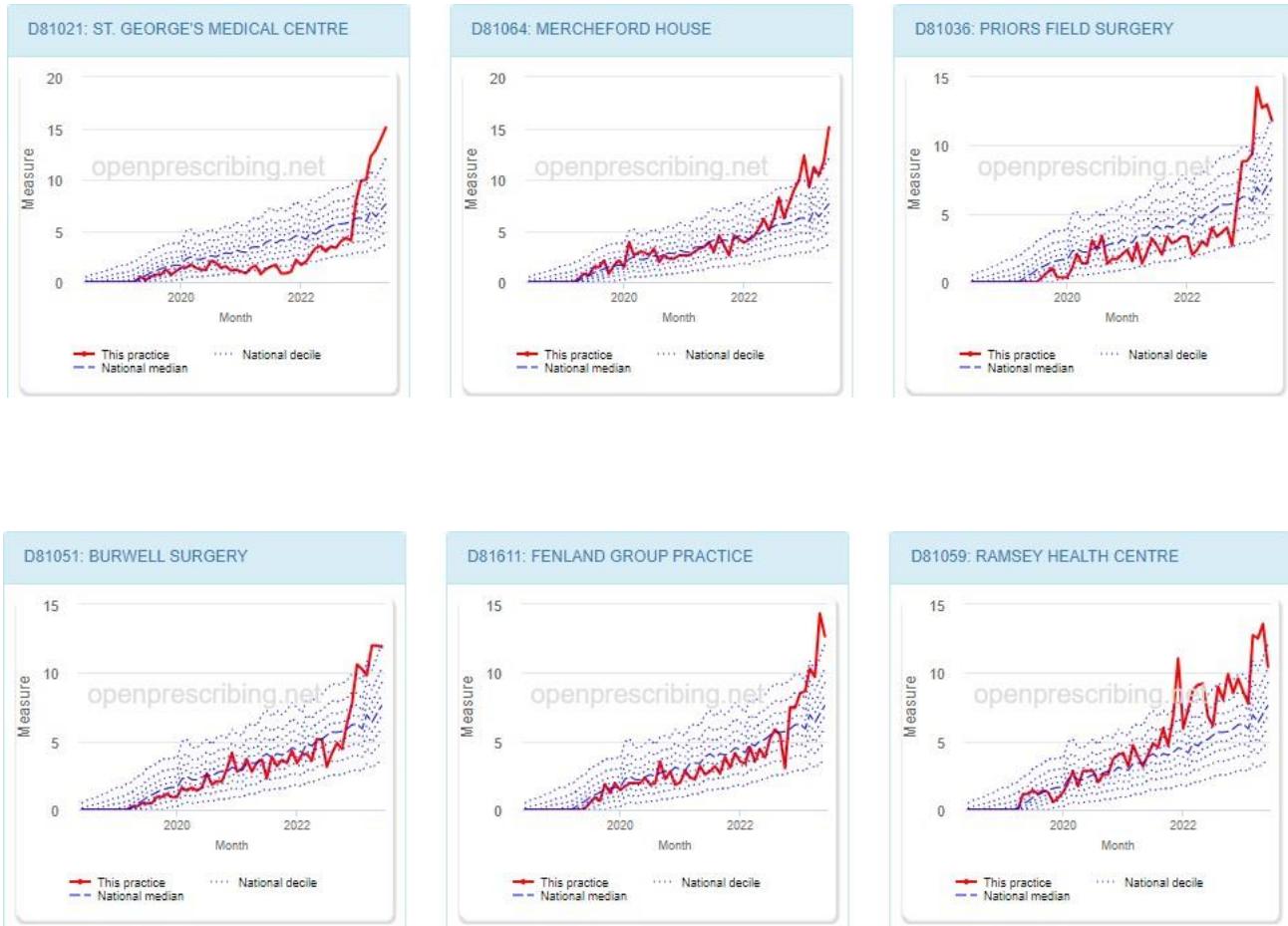


October 22 (2nd percentile) 3602 sensors prescribed



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
Records		
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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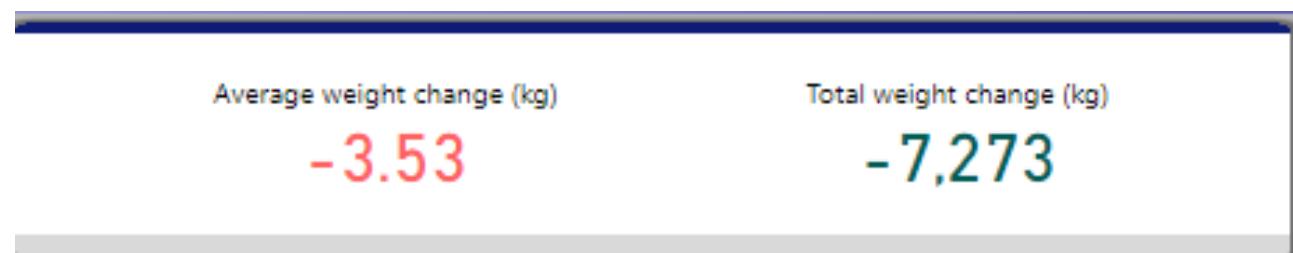


Participant Outcomes

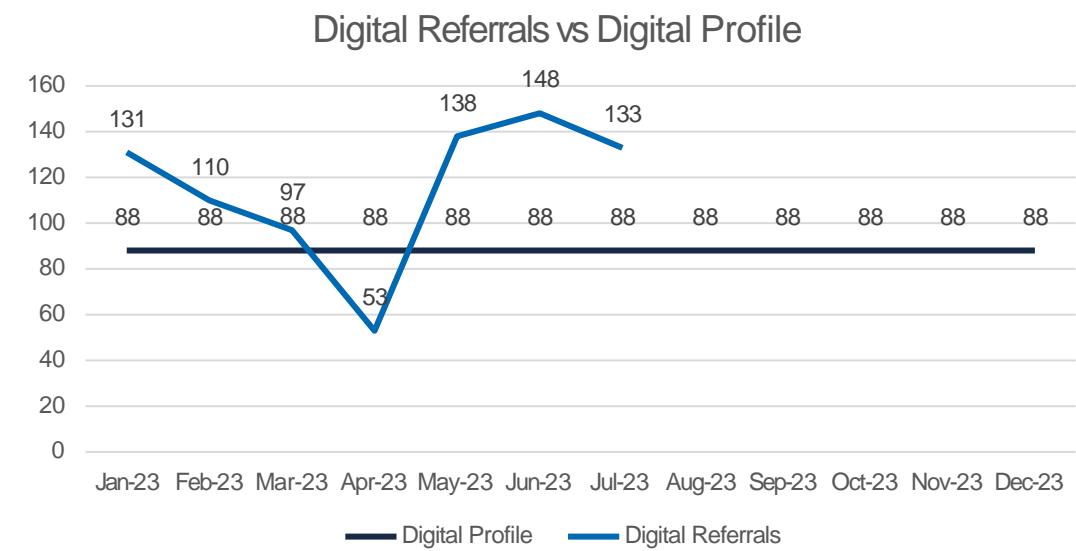
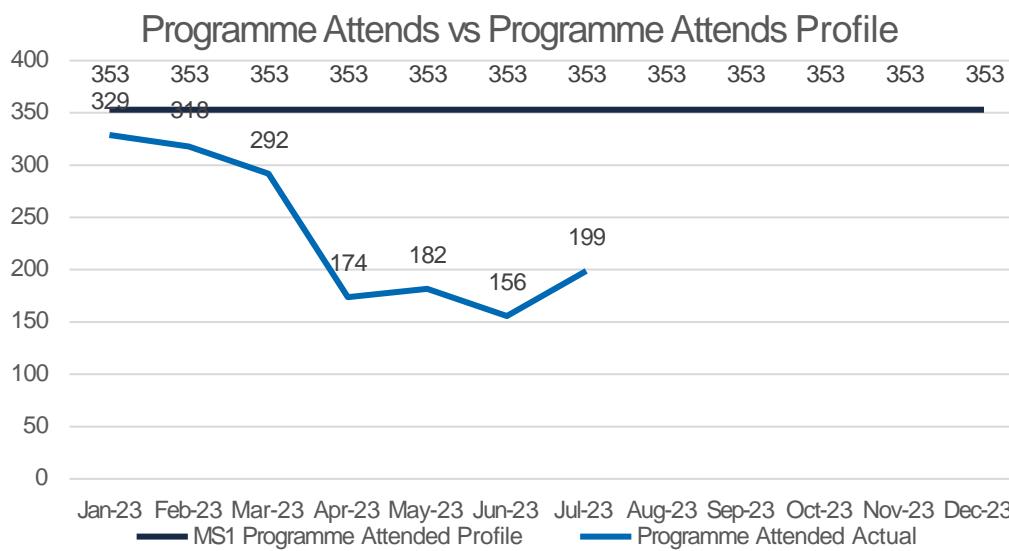
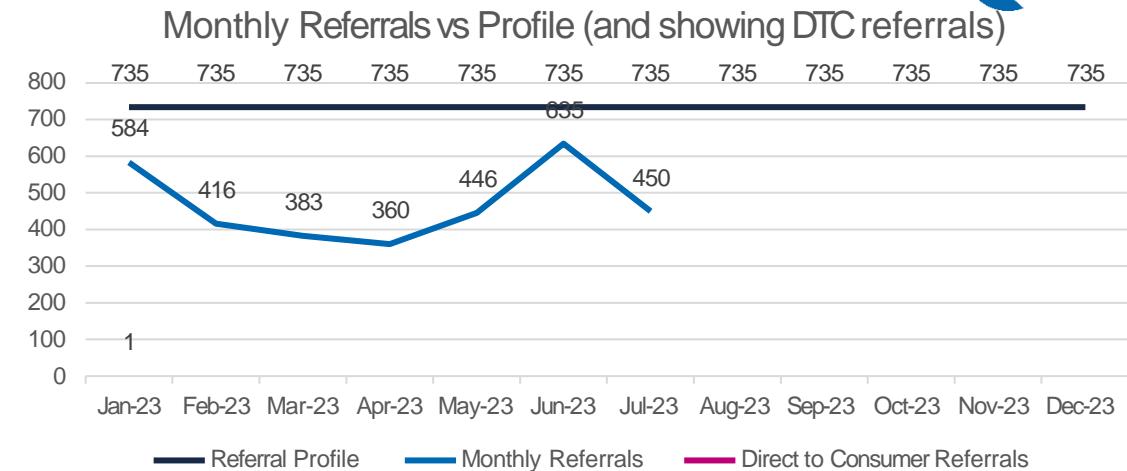
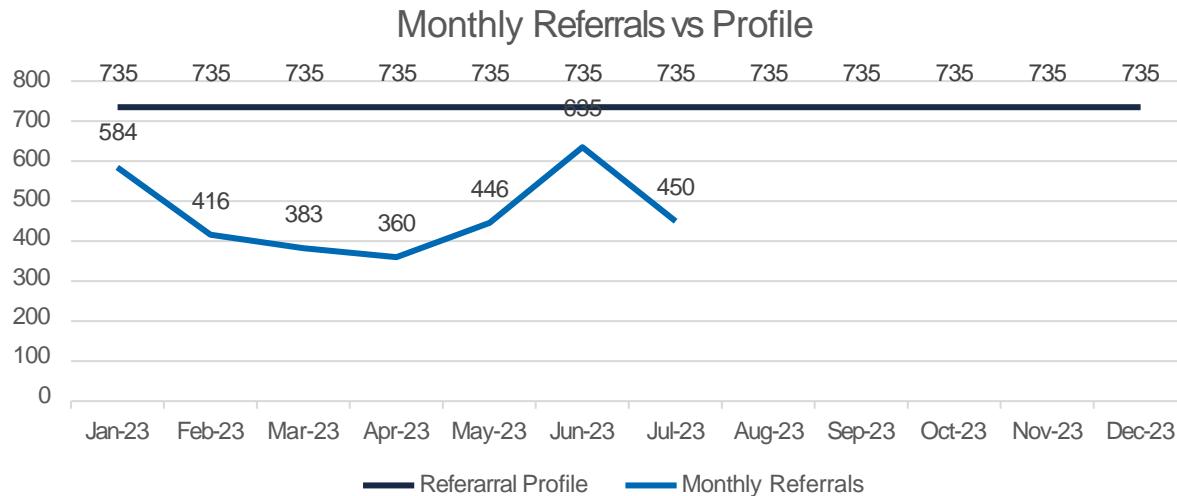
- We have received **3846** referrals so far this year and we started **100** new programmes since January 2023.
- **1764** patients from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have attended a programme since Jan 2023.
- Since the start of the contract (Dec 2020) **2,400** participants have completed the 9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

Reed Wellbeing

Participant Weight Changes



NDPP - referrals



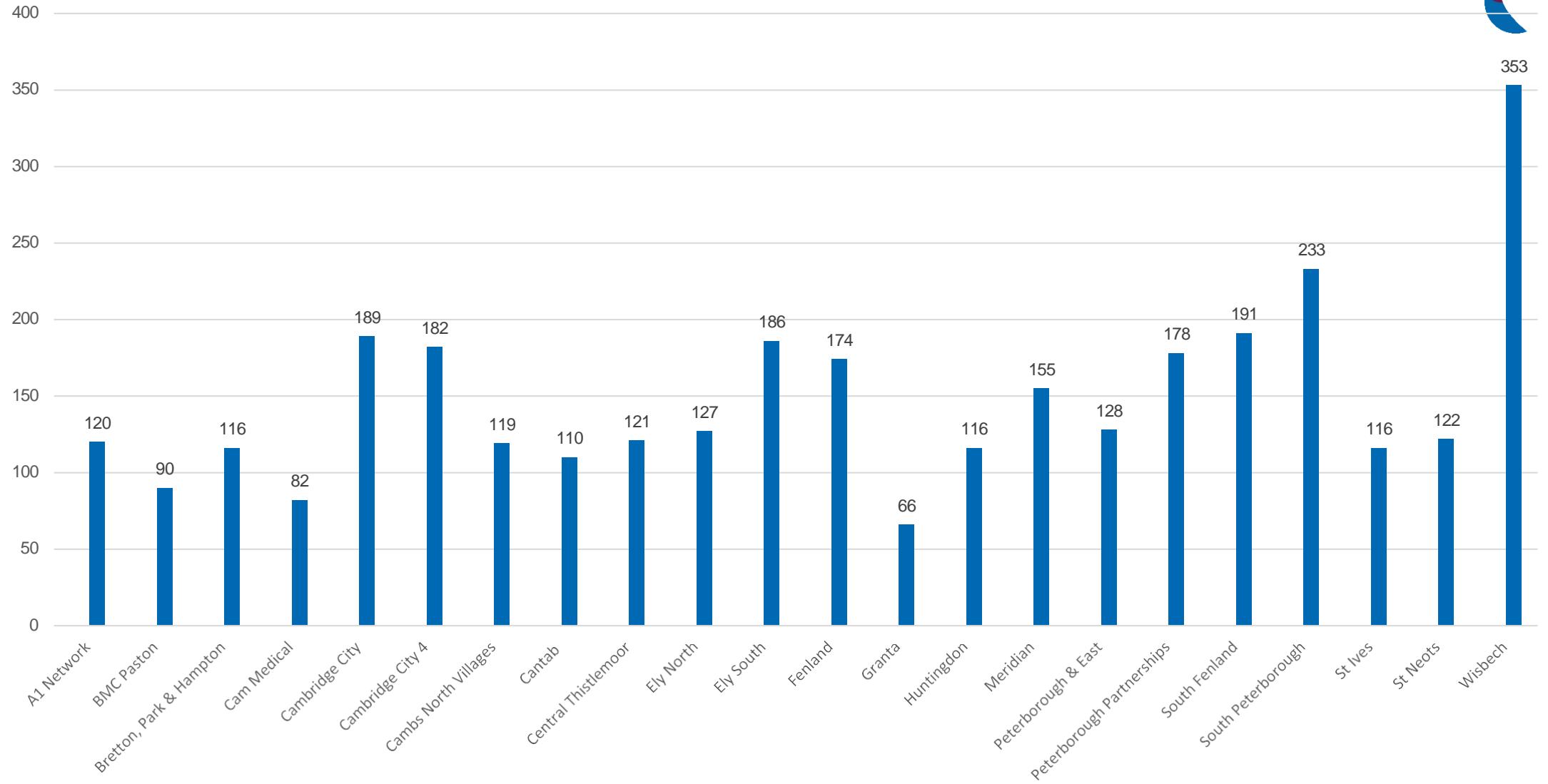
NDPP DASHBOARD 2023



			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 Thistlemoor	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%
Total	8841															



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 Land's 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 shows the System1 Diabetes module interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Diabetes, Structured Education Type 2, Continuous Glucose Monitors, Structured Education Type 1 DM, Video Clinic Review, etc. Below these are sections for Diabetes, Continuous Glucose Monitors ICB Policies, Training Hub Diabetes video resources, CPFT Diabetes Service, CUH Diabetes page, and NWAFT Diabetes page. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'T2D PATH TO REMISSION REFERRALS' section, which is circled in red. This section contains information about the NHS Type 2 Path to Remission programme, noting its launch in September for Wisbech PCN, Fenland PCN, South Fenland, and BMC Paston PCN. It also mentions the NHS T2DR OVIVIA August 14 2023 v0.1CPICS update. The text states that the programme supports people with Type 2 Diabetes to achieve weight loss and live a healthier lifestyle, and that it will be offered to PCNs with the highest IMD and obesity prevalence. It also lists contact details for Martin Bainbridge and Uwem Okure.

Diabetes | Structured Education Type 2 | Continuous Glucose Monitors | Structured Education Type 1 DM | Video Clinic Review, Pra... 

Diabetes

Continuous Glucose Monitors ICB Policies

Training Hub Diabetes video resources

CPFT Diabetes Service

CUH Diabetes page

NWAFT Diabetes page

T2D PATH TO REMISSION REFERRALS

Healthy Living for People with type 2 diabetes
Free online NHS service

NHS TYPE 2 PATH TO REMISSION

NHS Type 2 Diabetes Path to Remission Programme

This service goes live in September for Wisbech PCN, Fenland PCN, South Fenland, BMC Paston PCN

NHS T2DR OVIVIA August 14 2023 v0.1CPICS

Type 2 Diabetes Pathway to Remission (T2DPR) programme launching in Sept 2023 (Text copied from Primary Care update 10 Aug 2023)

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.

NHS England has allocated some funding to the ICB to support the implementation of this programme. The rollout will be in stages and focusses on GP Practices in PCNs with the highest IMD and obesity prevalence first to ensure they have best access to the programme. The first PCNs identified have been contacted, other Practices/PCNs will be given the opportunity to participate in the programme in due course.

If you have any queries please contact: cpicb.communityitc@nhs.net
Martin Bainbridge – Senior Project Manager: martinbainbridge@nhs.net
Uwem Okure – Project Support Manager: u.okure@nhs.net

EYE SCREENING



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	

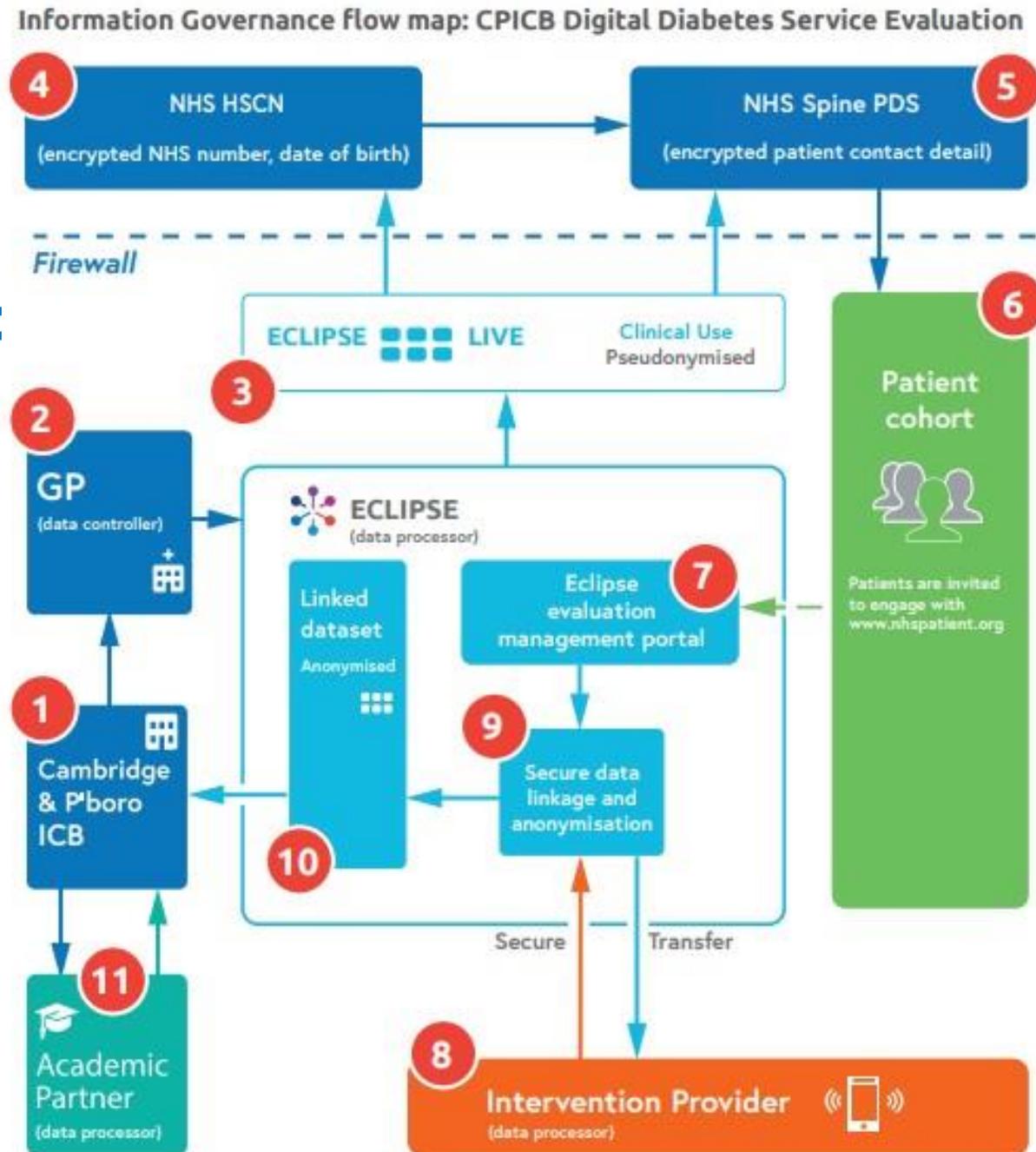


Diabetes: Structured Education

- **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.

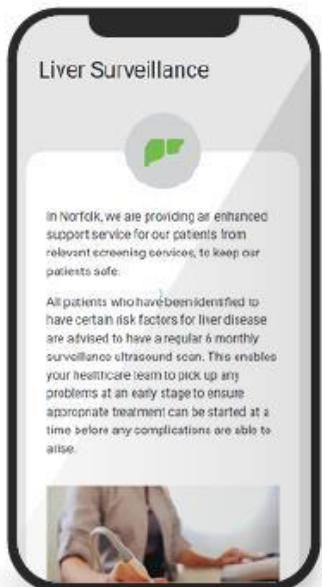


Pegasus Patient Engagement

1 Effective Patient Communication



2 Effective Patient Education



3 Effective Patient Consent



NHSPatient.org

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](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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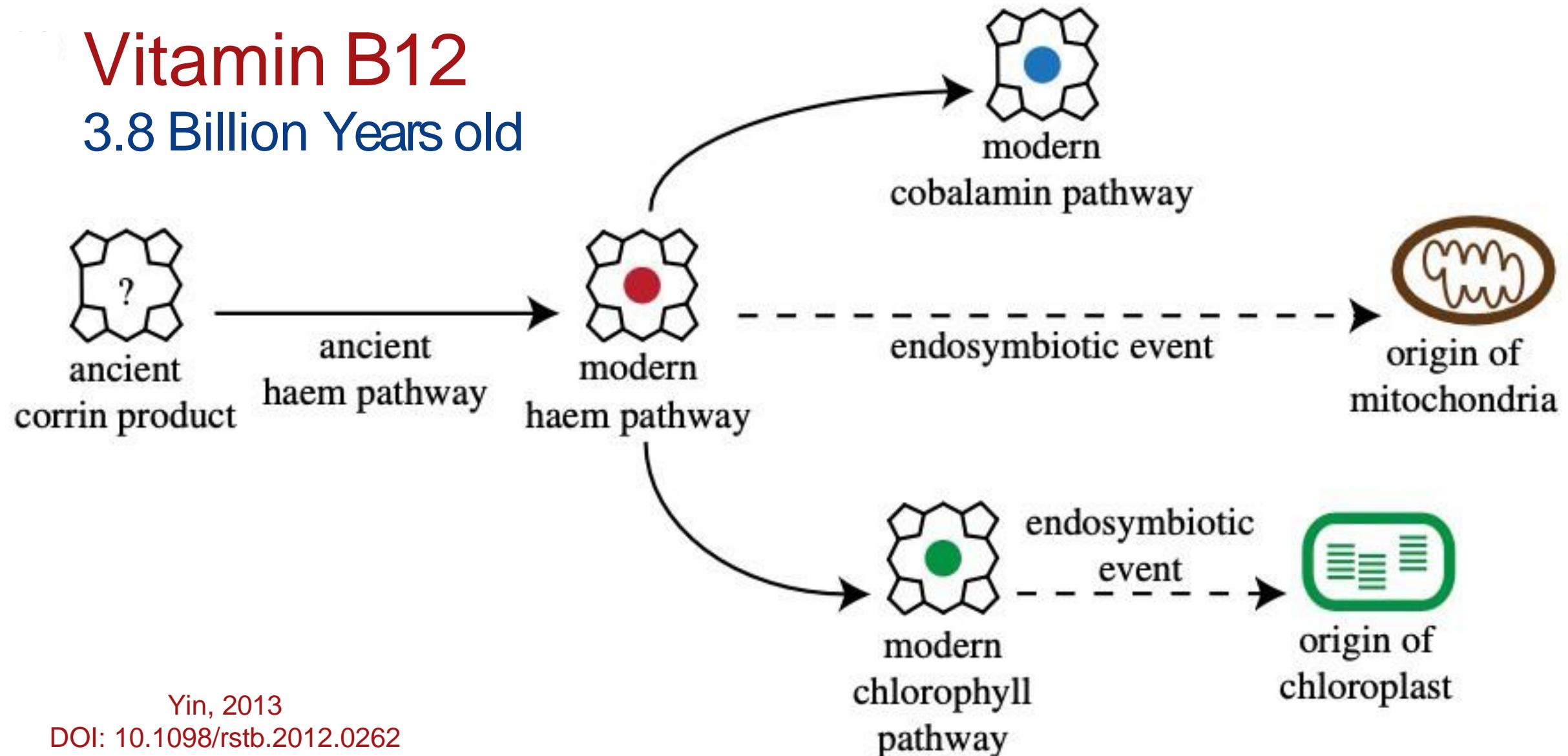
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Vitamin B12

3.8 Billion Years old



Outline

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‘Magaloblastic Madness’ but Many present with only neuropsychiatric features

Vitamin B₁₂ deficiency

BMJ 2014



Fig 2 | Clinical features of vitamin B₁₂ deficiency

[NICE](#) > [CKS](#) > [Health topics A to Z](#) > [Anaemia - B12 and folate deficiency](#) > [Diagnosis](#) > Signs and symptoms

- 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.

cks.nice.org.uk/topics/anaemia-b12-folate-deficiency/diagnosis/signs-symptoms/

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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 “whippets.”

“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

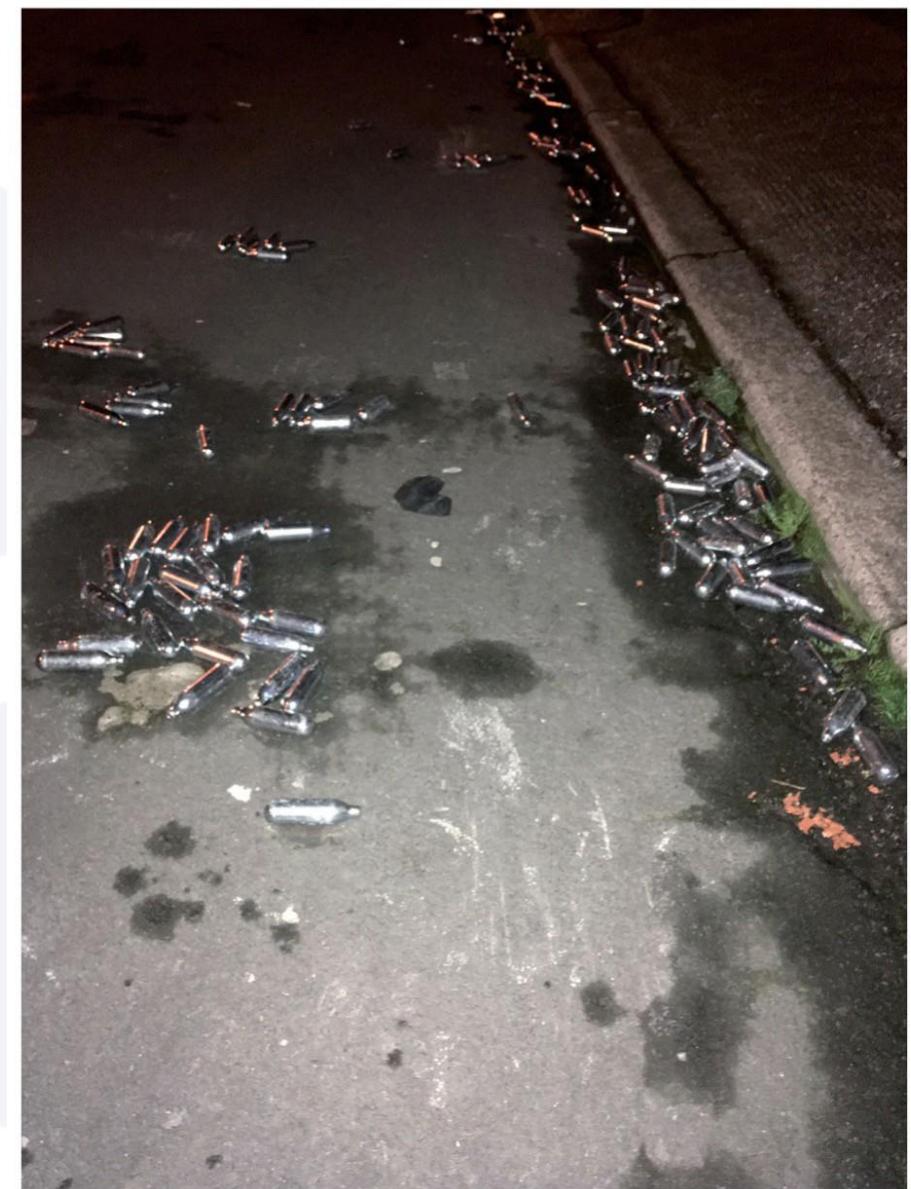
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Nitrous Oxide

- 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 Sythase'*

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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COMMENT



The importance of vitamin B₁₂ 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

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- 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.

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Plant Based Diets

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	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 ₁₂ found from foods in diet* ¹	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.
*¹Shows the gradient of vitamin B₁₂ 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

Key Points

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

Outline

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

Biomarkers of Vitamin B12 Status

'Serum B12' is the only assay available to General Practice

Table 1 | Biomarkers of vitamin B₁₂ 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 [‡]	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 ¹¹⁷
4cB12 [§]	See formula below	-2.5–1.5	<-0.5	>0.5	Can be corrected for folate status and age

Green, 2017

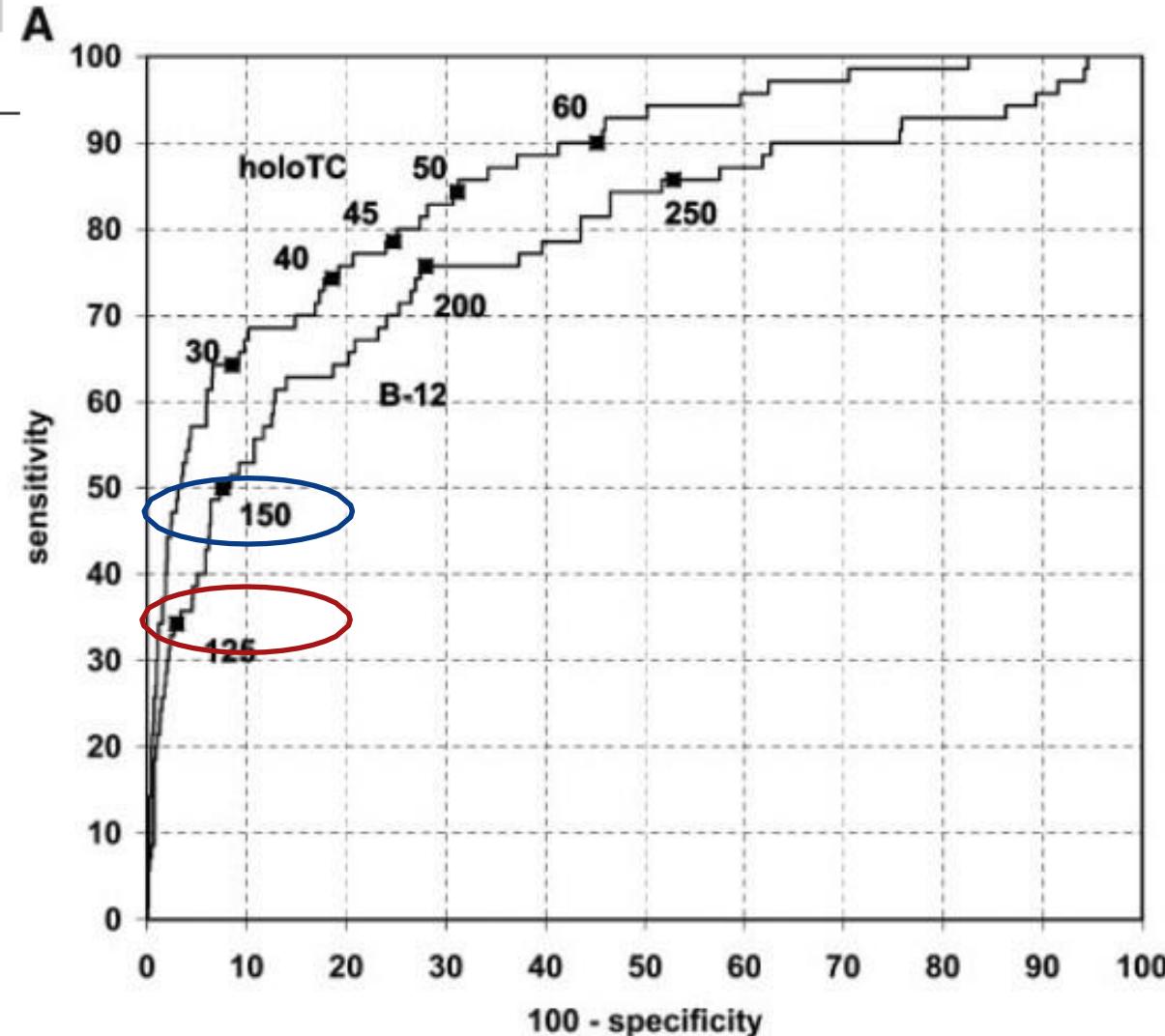
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Detection of Vitamin B₁₂ Deficiency in Older People by Measuring Vitamin B₁₂ or the Active Fraction of Vitamin B₁₂, Holotranscobalamin

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

Clarke, 2007
DOI: 10.1373/clinchem.2006.080382



UK NEQAS Haema-nics

UK Quality Standards agency for laboratory tests

327 Laboratories

Standard sample

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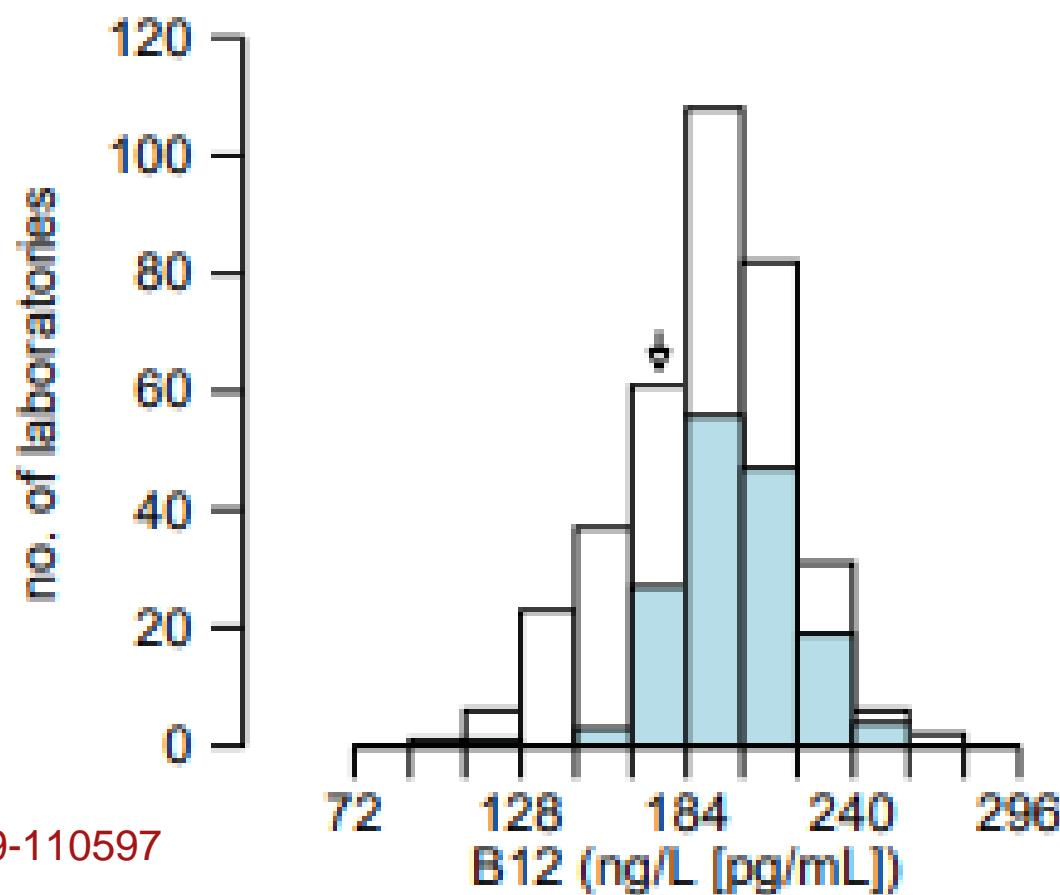
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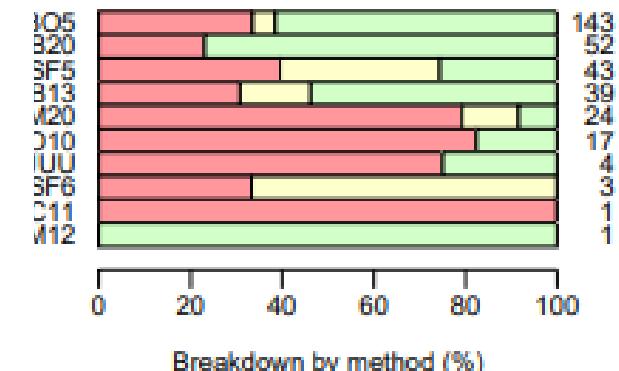
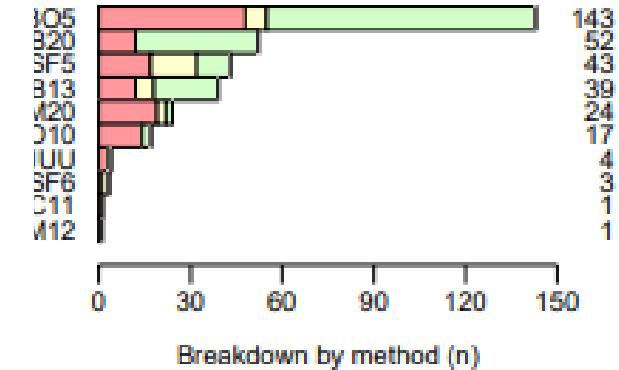
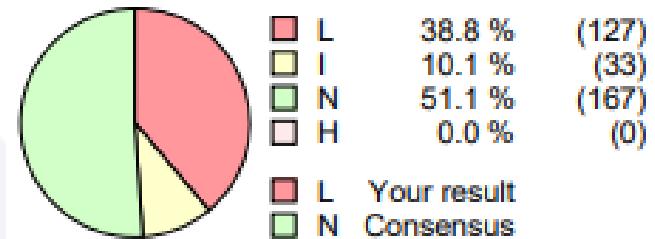
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Mackenzie, 2018

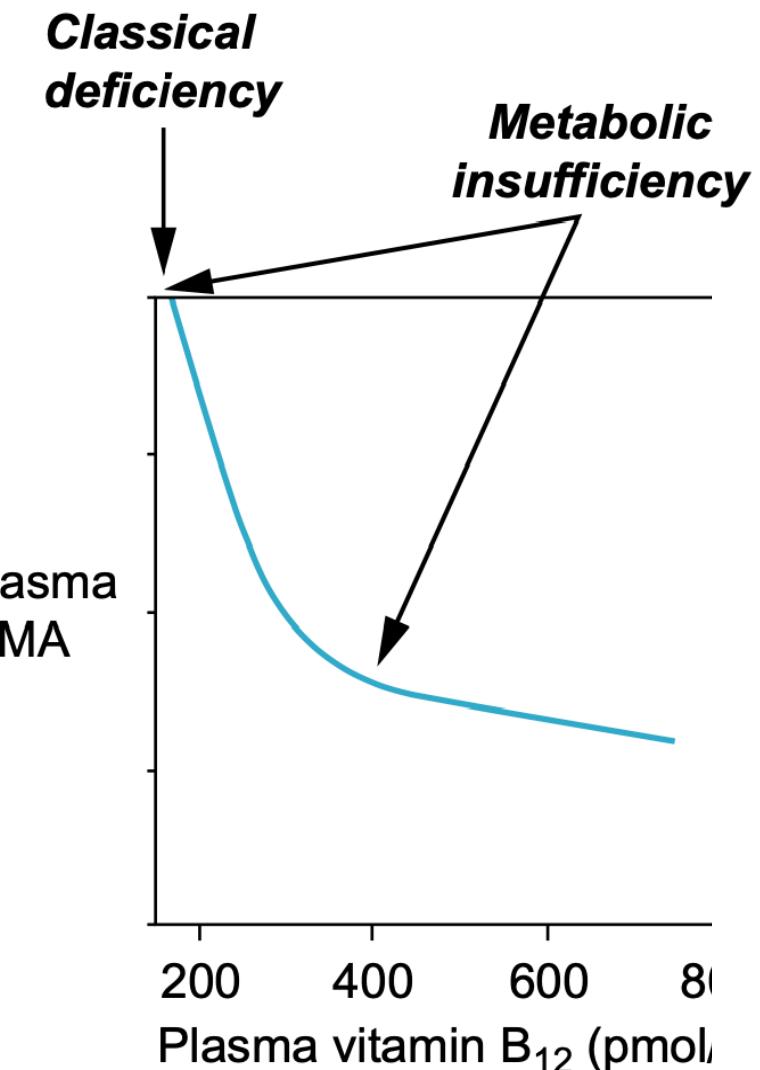
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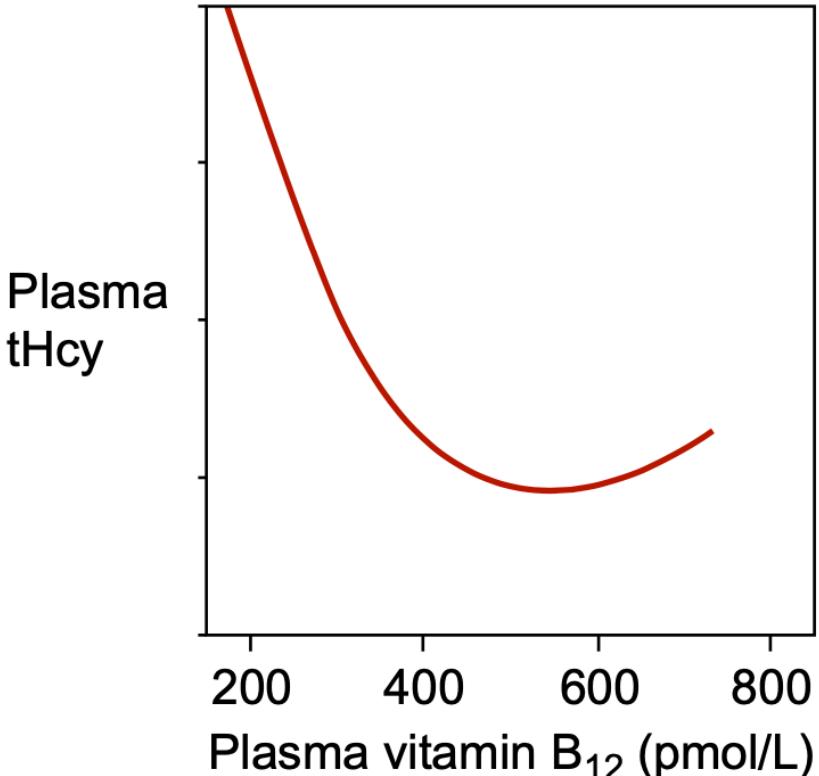
'Do we need to reconsider the desirable blood level of Vitamin B12?'



Smith, 2012

DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2796.2011.02485

Fig. 3 Defining B₁₂ inadequacy by use of markers of metabolic insufficiency. Relationship between plasma vitamin B₁₂ 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.



Failures of Cobalamin Assays in Pernicious Anemia

TO THE EDITOR: Cobalamin (vitamin B₁₂) 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%.¹ 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 levels² was disputed by the manufacturer.³ 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 Antibodies	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	239	71	181	Pernicious anemia
12	Positive	17	2	66	129	Pernicious anemia
13	Positive	53	92	141	288	Pernicious anemia
14	Positive	64	123	158	170	Pernicious anemia
15	Positive	88	258	352	313	Pernicious anemia
16	Positive	97	126	185	161	Pernicious anemia
17	Positive	120	126	186	175	Pernicious anemia
18	Positive	127	118	202	206	Pernicious anemia
19	Positive	151	247	234	270	Pernicious anemia
20	Positive	158	268	263	303	Pernicious anemia
21	Positive	162	259	322	306	Pernicious anemia
22	Positive	165	147	216	219	Pernicious anemia
23	Positive	172	188	234	269	Pernicious anemia

Carmel, 2012
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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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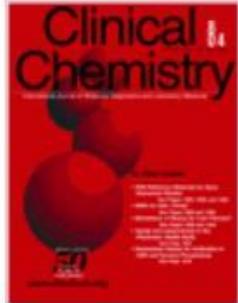
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UK NEQAS HaemaGnics , 2013

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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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- 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
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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

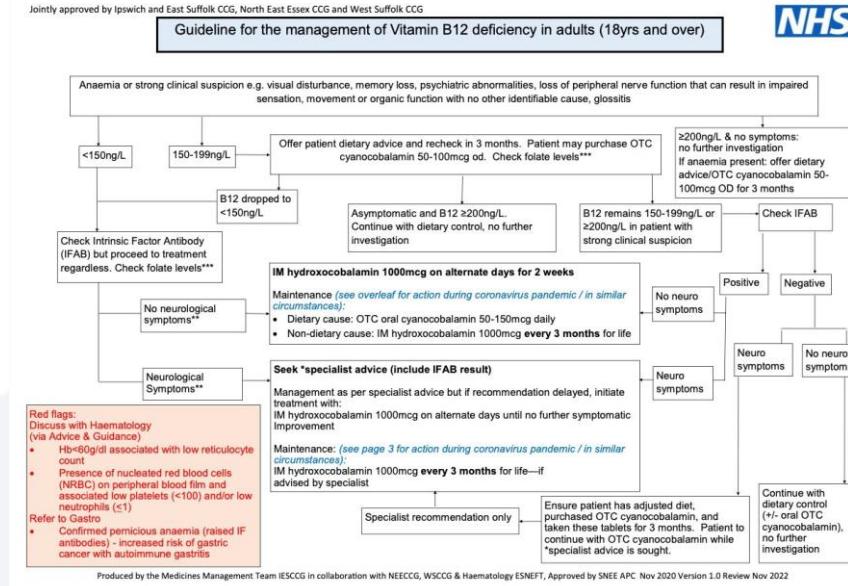
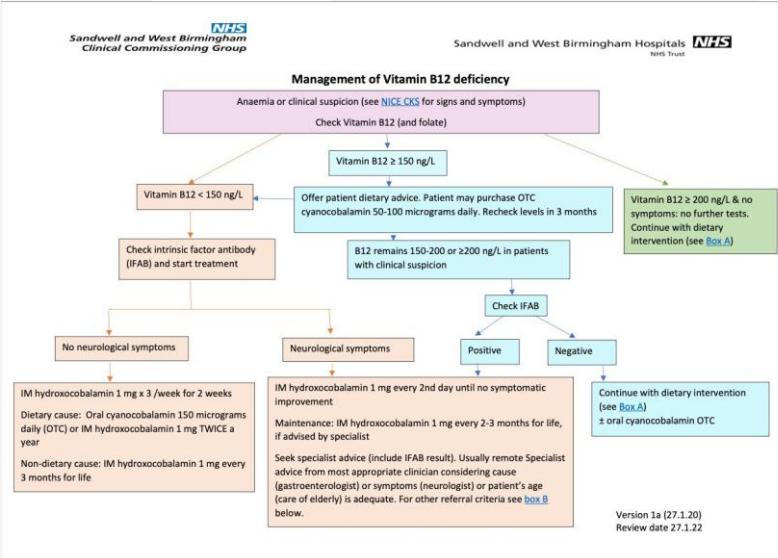
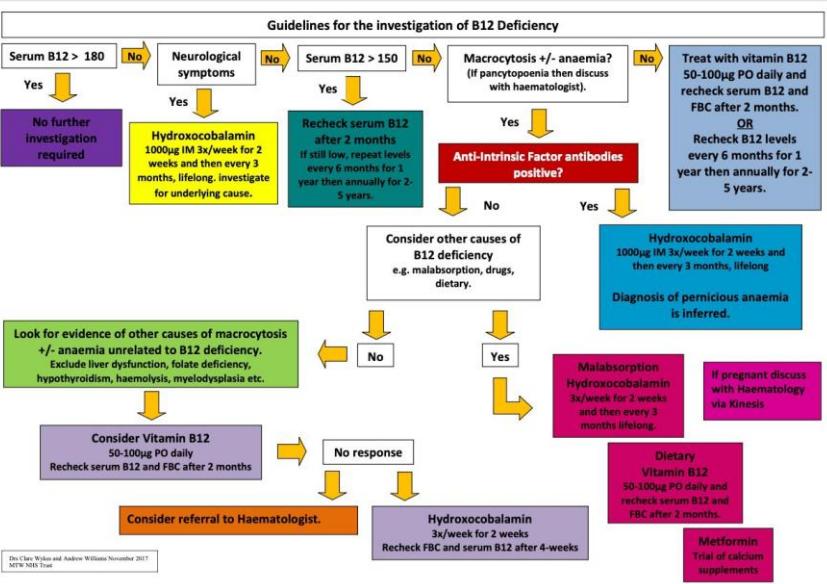
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- Treatment of B12 deficiency in people with neurologic involvement should include:
 - Seeking urgent specialist advice from a haematologist.
 - If specialist advice is not immediately available, initially treating with hydroxocobalamin 1 mg intramuscularly 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://www.cks.nice.org.uk/anaemia-b12-and-folate-deficiency#!scenarioRecommendation)

CCG / ICS B12d Management Pathways

All different; some examples



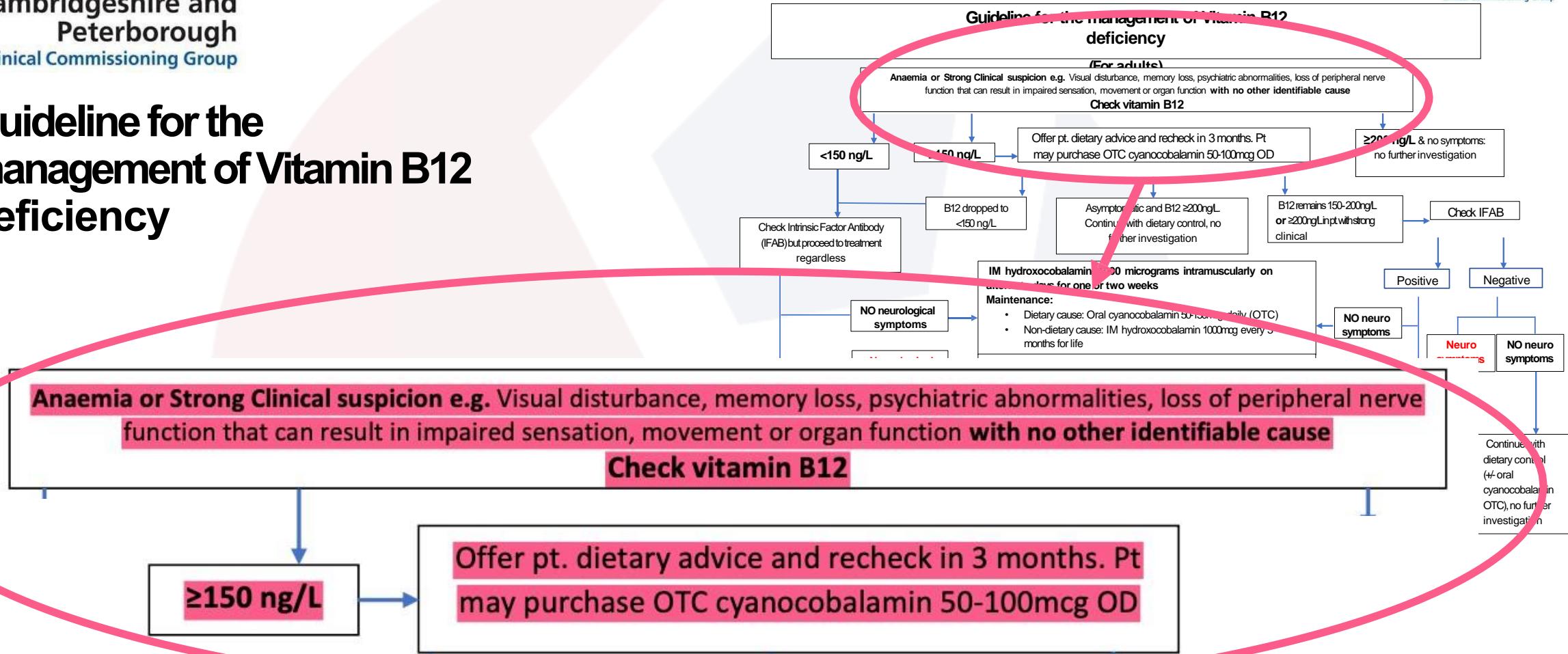
No national pathway!

www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Investigation-and-Management-of-B12-Deficiency.pdf

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Guideline for the management of Vitamin B12 deficiency



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'

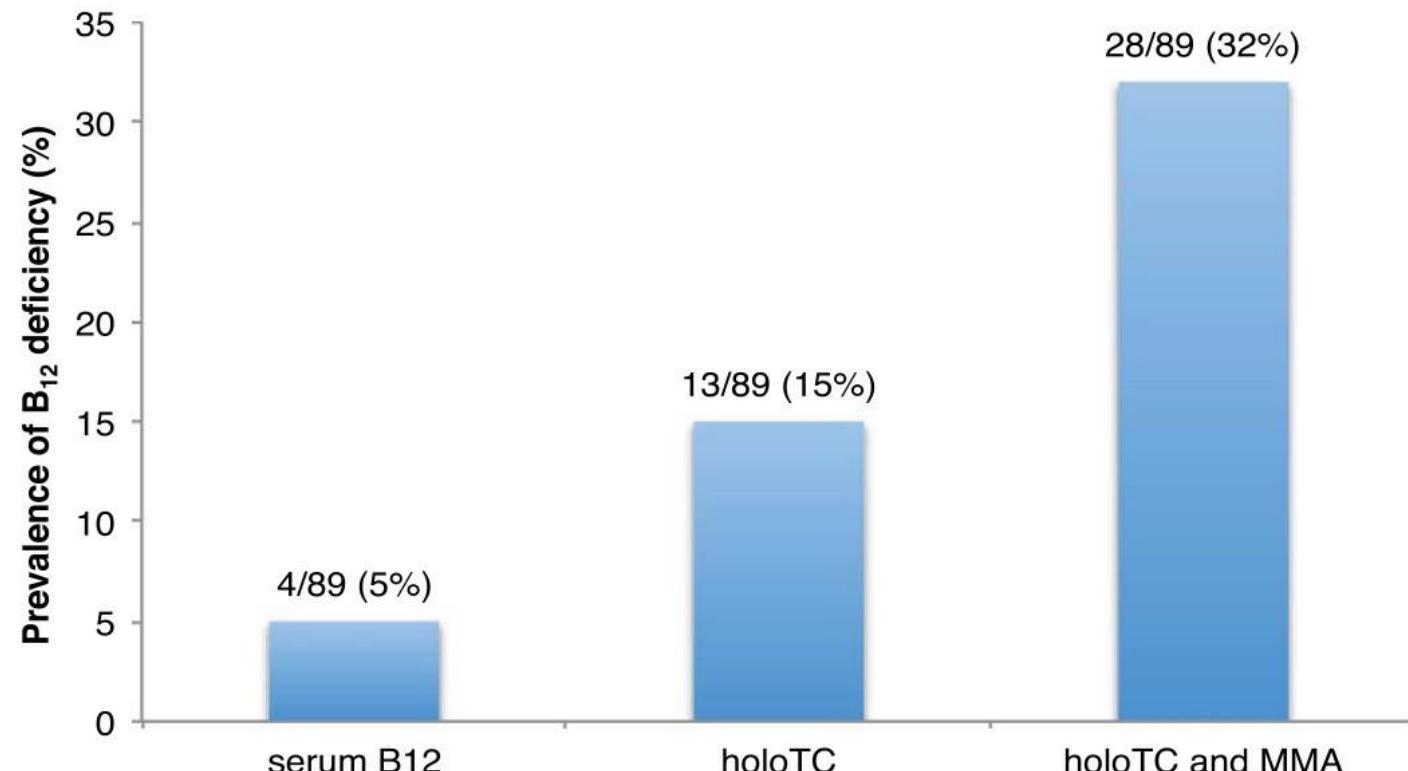


FIGURE 1. Prevalence of B₁₂ deficiency using different tests.

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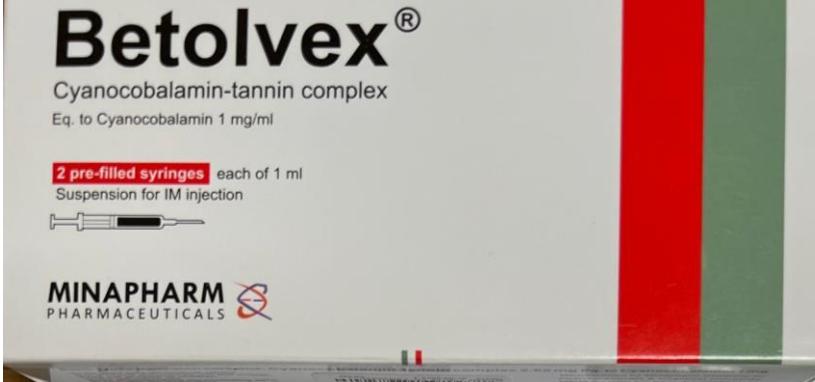
- ‘vitamin group received 5 mg folic acid tablet daily and 3 doses of vitamin B12 (1,000 mcg) injection and the other group received placebo’
- ‘a significant improvement in the mental field of life quality in the placebo... whereas both physical and mental fields of quality of life were improved significantly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

Behandlingsrespons ved B₁₂-vitamin-mangel afhænger af det anvendte B₁₂-vitamin-præparat

Johan Arendt & Ebba Nexø

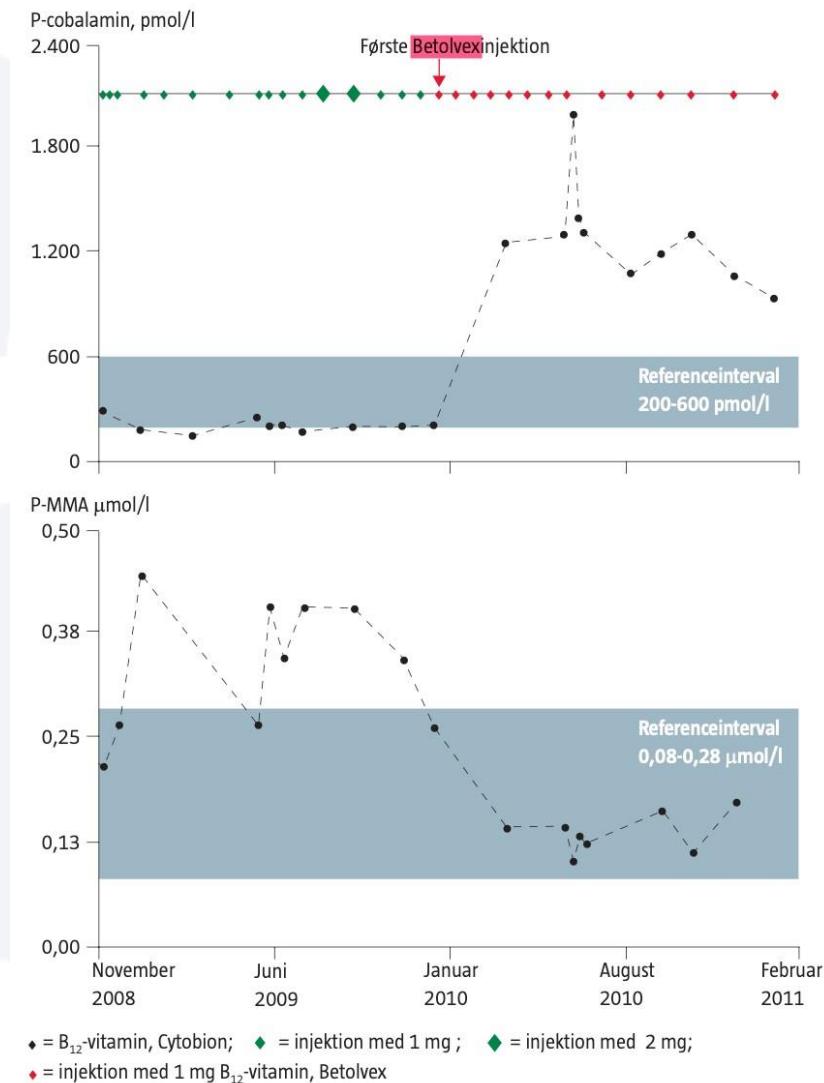
Maintenance therapy in pernicious anaemia with a depot vitamin-B-12-complex preparation

Arendt, 2011
PMID: 22027161



FIGUR 1

Plasma (P)-cobalamin og methylmalonsyre (MMA) hos en patient med vitamin B₁₂-mangel under behandling med Cytobion (cyanocobalamin i vandig oplosning) og Betolvex (cyanocobalamin i oliesuspension).



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 Doncaster⁴, if the patient has neurological symptoms or anaemia and a B12 level of <187ng/L we would diagnose vitamin B12 deficiency and treat accordingly with IM injections'
- 'Without clear symptoms, a level of 150-187ng/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 200ng/L'
- 'I would recommend



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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 need help"

"You are so dramatic"

"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’

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VITAMIN B₁₂ Excretion and DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

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TABLE III

Urinary Excretion after Injection of Vitamin B₁₂ (50 µg.)

Subjects	No. of subjects	Vitamin B ₁₂ 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

DOI: 10.1093/ajcn/1.6.417

VITAMIN B₁₂ TOLERANCE IN DIABETIC SUBJECTS

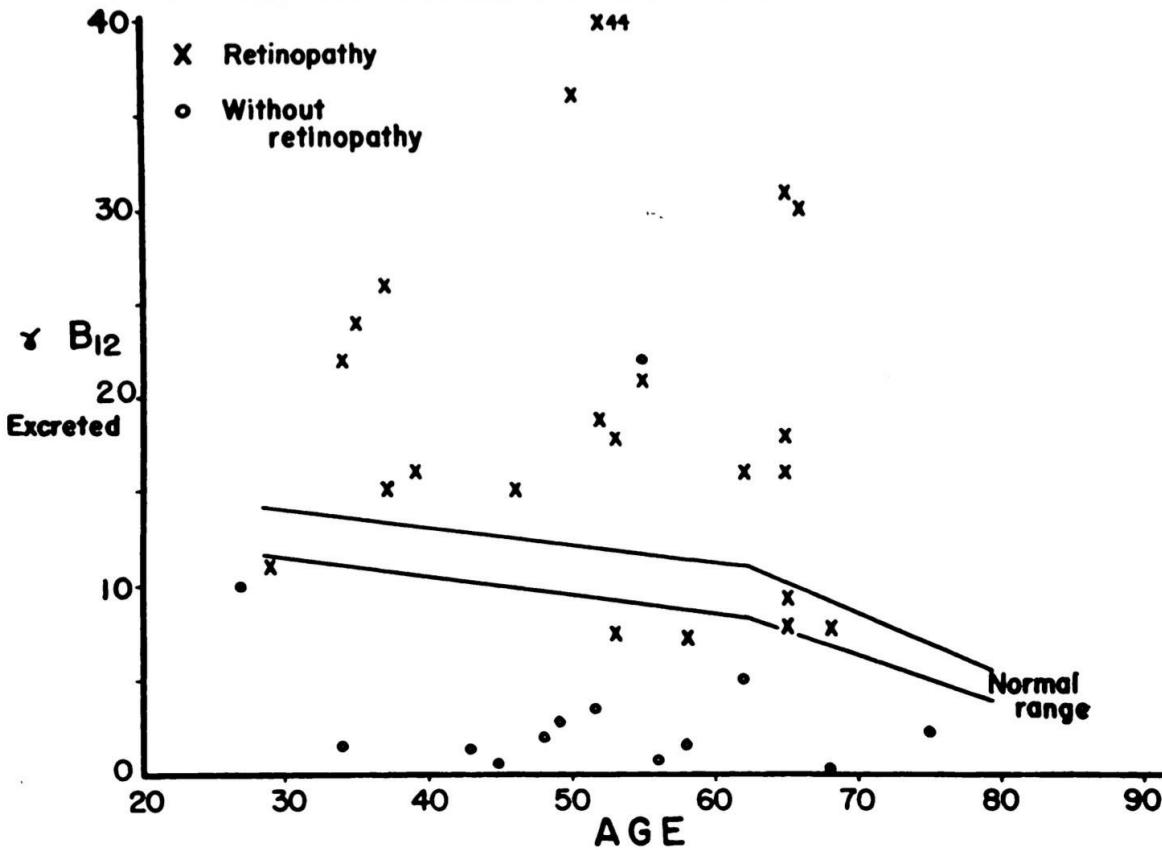


Fig. 1. The urinary excretion after intramuscular injection of vitamin B₁₂.

'diabe'cs with re'nopathy excreted an average of approximately 19 µg. of vitamin B12, and subjects without re'nopathy excreted only 4.2 µg'

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

Vitamin B₁₂ Serum Levels and Diabetic Retinopathy.* (21277)

Chow, 1954

DOI: 10.3181/00379727-87-21277

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'Data are presented to demonstrate that the serum levels of vit. B12 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 B₁₂ SERUM LEVELS AND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

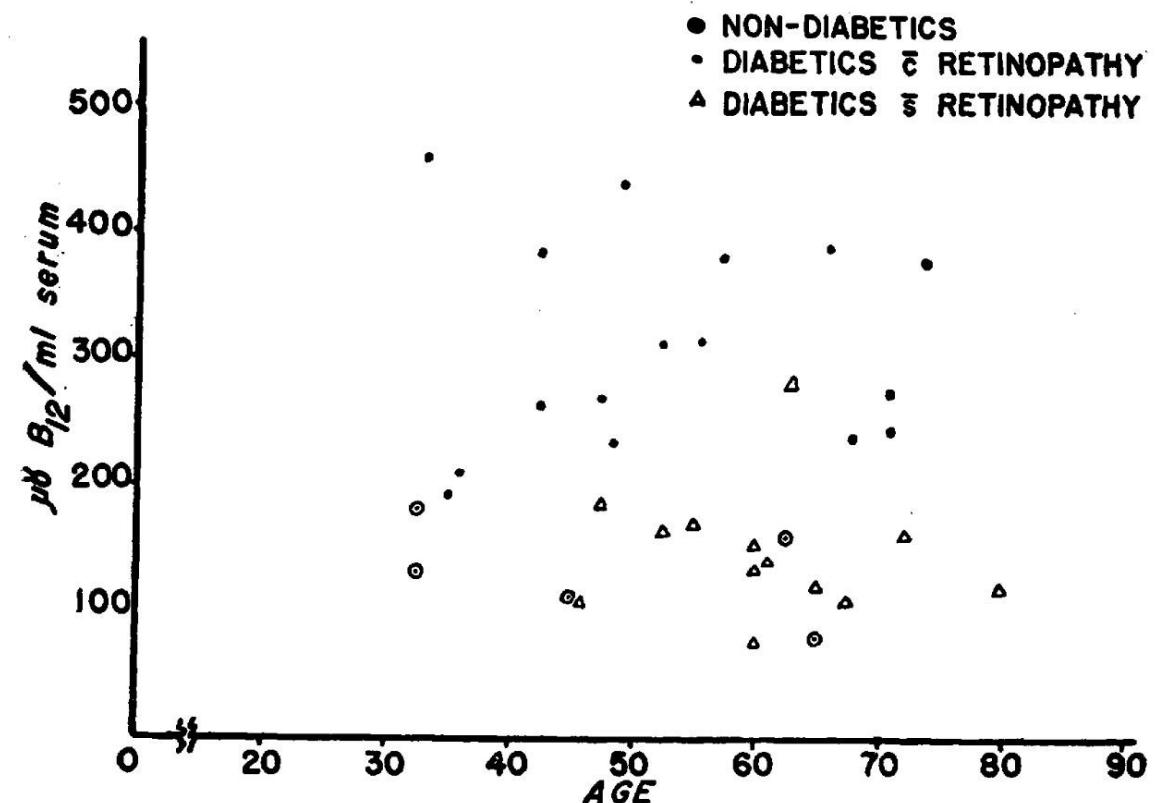
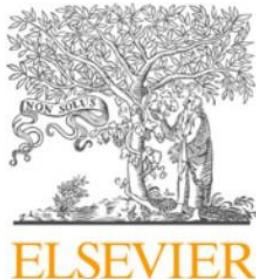


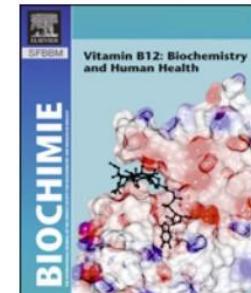
FIG. 1. Vitamin B₁₂ levels in sera of diabetics with and without retinopathy.



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Research paper

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



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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
DOI: 10.1016/j.biichi.2012.10.028

Research Article

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

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Sun, 2014
DOI: [10.1155/2014/921616](http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/921616)

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

Sun, 2014
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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

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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 patients on metformin'
- 'advising checking vitamin B12 serum levels in patients being treated with metformin who have symptoms suggestive of vitamin B12 deficiency'
- 'periodic monitoring for patients with risk factors for vitamin B12 deficiency should be considered'

The Science

- Sole measurement of plasma vitamin B12 is no longer enough to identify 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*

Outline

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

 Follow this preprint

Transcobalamin Receptor Autoantibodies in Central Vitamin B12 Deficiency

John V. Pluvinage, Thomas Ngo, Christopher M. Bartley, Aaron Bodansky, Bonny D. Alvarenga, Kelsey C. Zorn, Camille Fouassier, Colin Zamecnik, Adrian McCann, Trung Huynh, Weston Browne, Asritha Tubati, Sravani Kondapavulur, Mark S. Anderson, Ari J. Green, Ralph Green, Vanja Douglas, Martineau Louine, Bruce Cree, Stephen Hauser, William Seeley, Brandon B. Holmes, James A. Wells, Serena Spudich, Shelli Farhadian, Prashanth Ramachandran, Leslie Gillum, Chadwick M. Hales, Bryan Smith, Avindra Nath, Gina Suh, Eoin P. Flanagan, Jeffrey M. Gelfand, Joseph L. DeRisi, Samuel J. Pleasure, Michael R. Wilson

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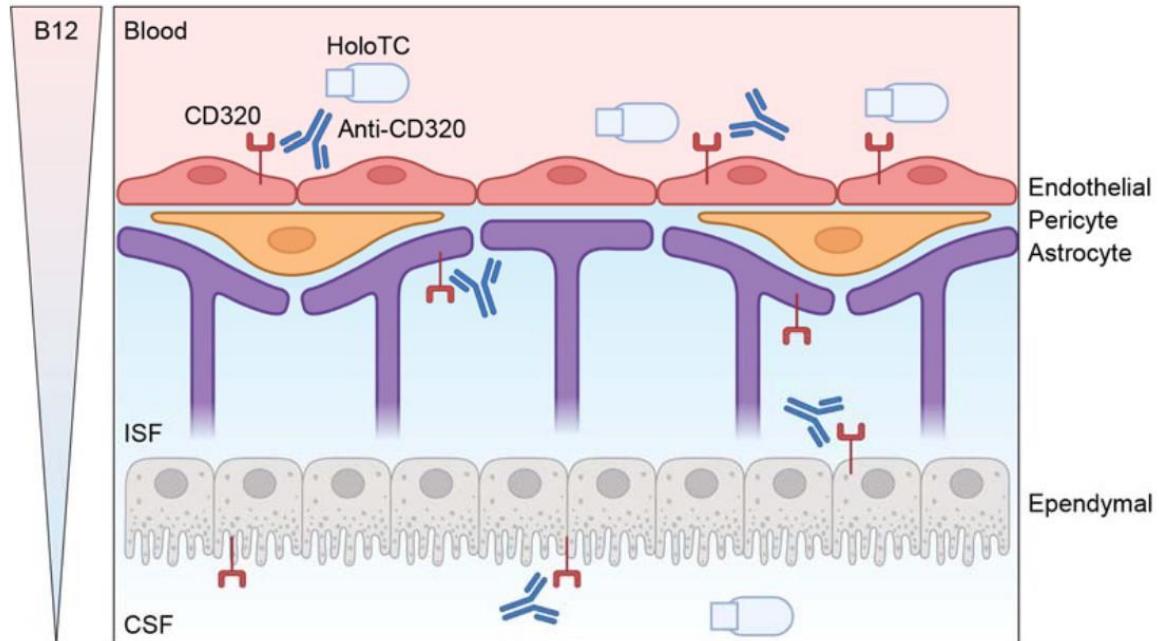
'Vitamin B12 is critical for hematopoiesis and myelination. Deficiency can cause neurologic deficits including loss of coordination, spasticity, and cognitive decline'

'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)'

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Anti-CD320 Impairment of B12 Uptake and Transport



Pluvinage, 2023
DOI: [10.1101/2023.08.21.23294253](https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.08.21.23294253)

Mr P Julian Owen
C&P Diabetes LES, 13/9/23

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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

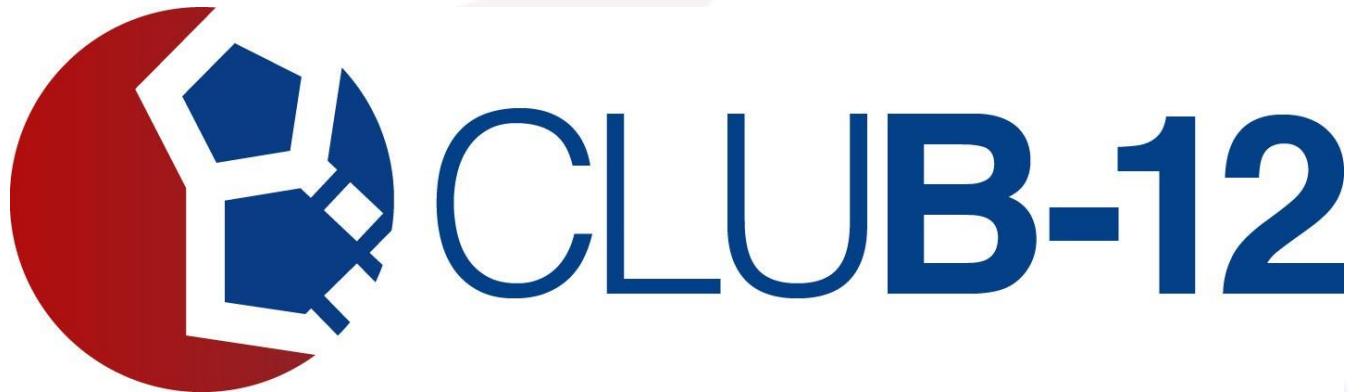
Sporadically replenished
Vitamin B12

Restarted 1mg Methyl
Cobalamin spray aMer 6
month's without

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

Coroner found elevated
'Serum MMA'





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 multidisciplinary conversations about Vitamin B-12
- Disseminate research findings to clinicians and the wider public

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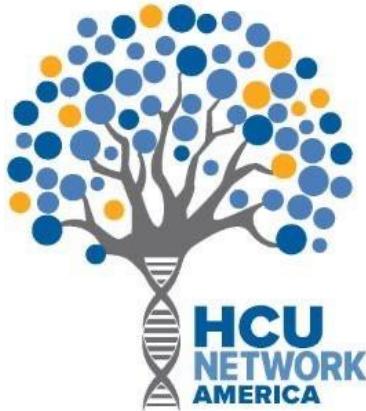
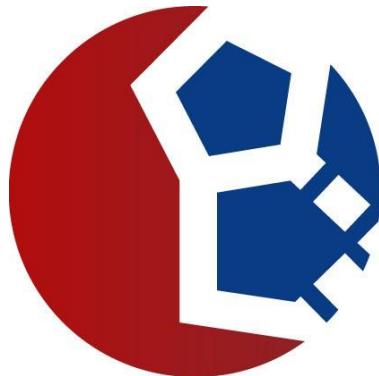
170+ Members

- 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 Kurosh Ahmad
- club-12 Members involved in NICE B12d & PA
- Supported 'James Lind Alliance' PSP
- Research Collaborations Formed
- EJN 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
 - clubB-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
- SC B12 is safe
 - As used in Europe

Re-look at Depot B12

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

Monitor potential benefits

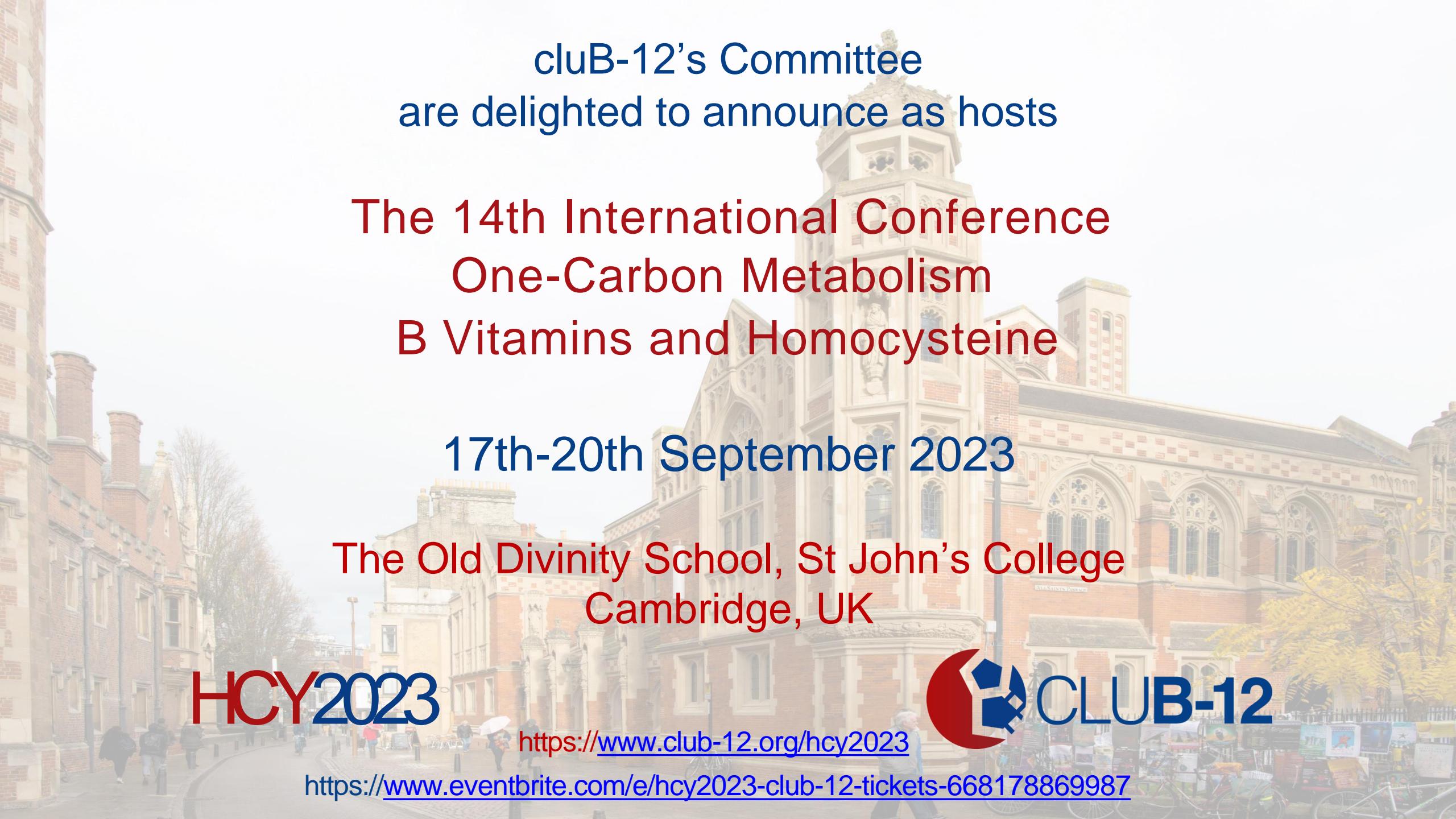
- Reduced Disease burden?
 - Dementia, Parkinson's, MS etc.
 - Anxiety, Depression, Psychosis

A B12 Truth

To the stalwart little band of investigators of vitamin B12 - now more reasonably 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

A photograph of a historic brick building with intricate architectural details, including a tall tower with a clock and several arched windows. The building is set against a bright sky.

cluB-12's Committee
are delighted to announce as hosts

The 14th International Conference
One-Carbon Metabolism
B Vitamins and Homocysteine

17th-20th September 2023

The Old Divinity School, St John's College
Cambridge, UK

HCY2023

<https://www.club-12.org/hcy2023>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hcy2023-club-12-tickets-668178869987>



Thank you

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Vascular Disease in the patients with Diabetes

**Mr Andrew Busuttil, Mr Gail
Curran**

Diabetes LES Session - Vascular surgery

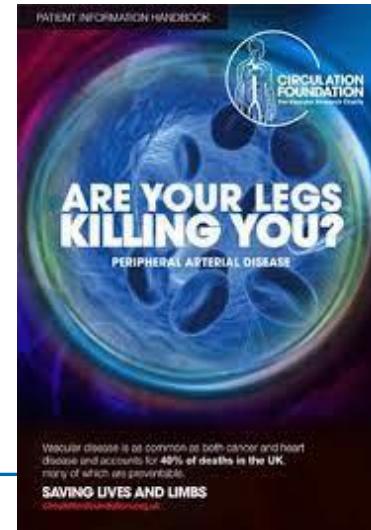
Mr Andrew Busuttil MD PhD FRCS - Consultant vascular surgeon
Ms Gail Curran RN INP - Lead Vascular nurse NWAFT, President of the Society for Vascular nursing

Peripheral Arterial disease

Chronic Presentation

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

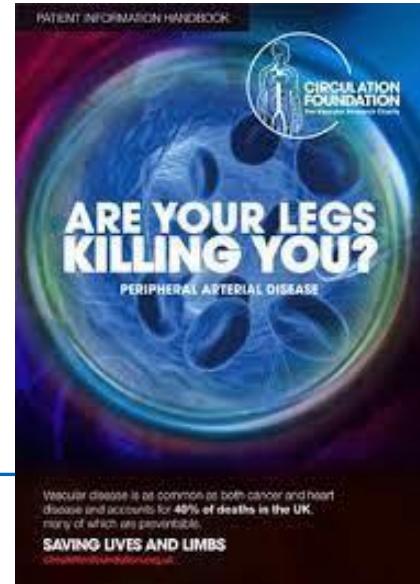


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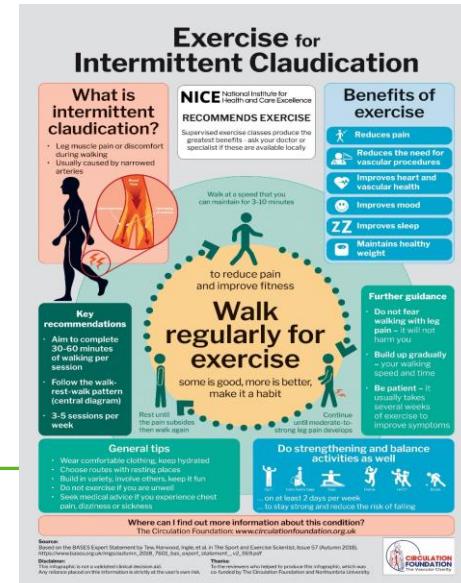
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- Clinical assessment - identify risk factors
- Physical examination
- Blood pressure assessment
- HbA1C
- Starting HMGCo-A Reductase inhibitor
- Anti-platelet and/or Low dose NOAC
- Smoking cessation
- Exercise advice - healthy you



Peripheral Arterial disease

Original article

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

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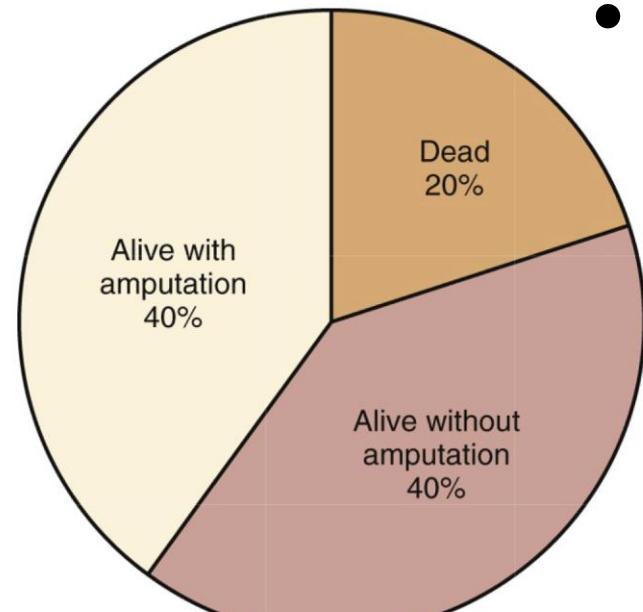
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Peripheral Arterial disease

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
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 - 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



The Pulseless Foot?



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

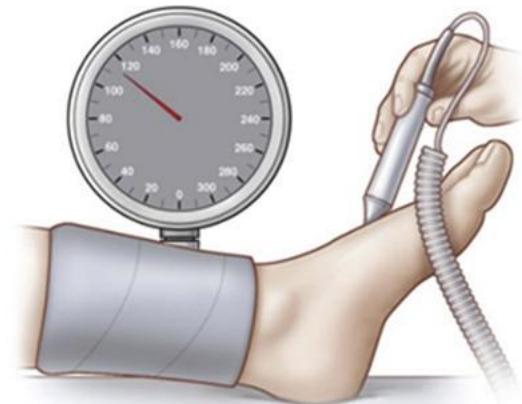


Retrospective review



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%

*CKD = Chronic Kidney Disease

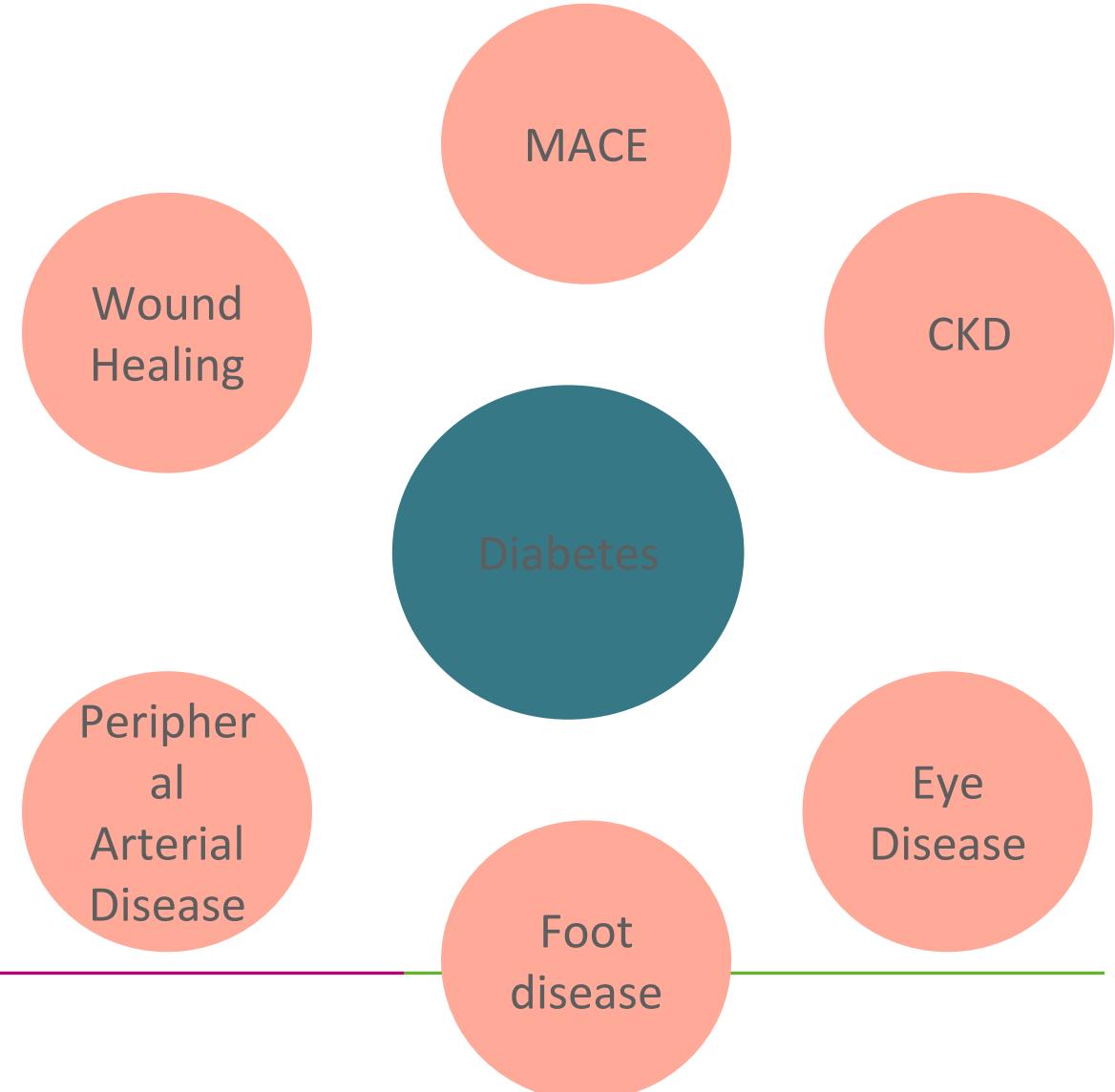
43%

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

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

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**

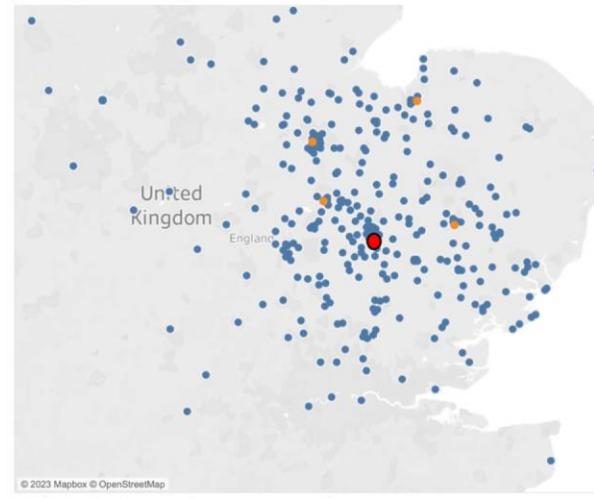
Wound Care advice

**Risk Factor
management**

How can we improve outcomes ?

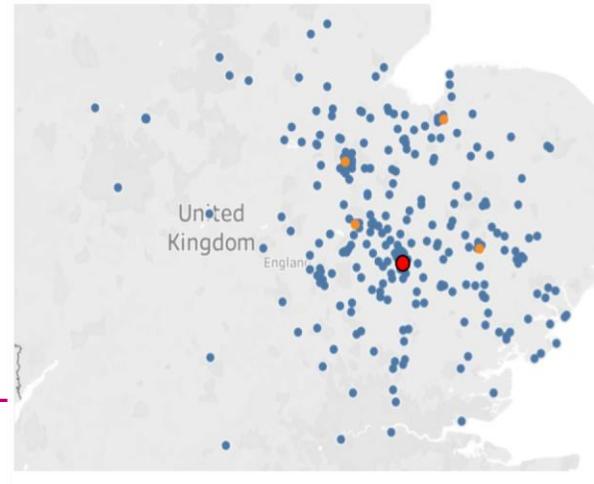
- Reducing major limb amputations - early involvement of VS in foot disease
- Reducing MACE and MALE complications in Diabetics
- Improved risk factor control
- Smoking cessation
- Patient education and empowerment

A) All Amputations:

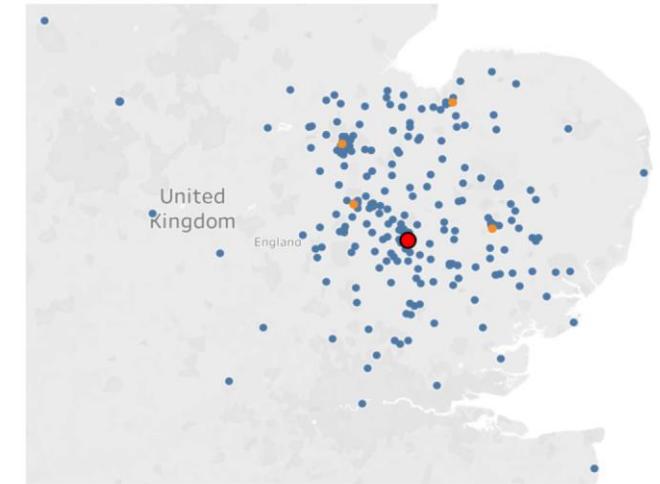


■ Patient postcode (>7 patients/point)
■ Regional “spoke” referring center
■ Regional “hub” receiving center

B) Major Amputations:



C) Minor Amputations:



Thank you





Close

Date of the CVD meeting: 1st November 23

Date of the Clinical Community meeting: 2nd November 23