

NHS to make flash glucose monitoring devices available to more diabetes patients across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Hundreds of local patients with Type 1 diabetes that are under the care of a diabetes specialist will now be able to manage their condition more easily, as wearable glucose sensors will be available on prescription.

The Freestyle Libre device reduces the need for finger-prick blood tests to measure glucose levels in people with type 1 diabetes but, until now, people in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland who wanted to use it have had to fund it themselves.

The local NHS has announced that the device will be made available from February 1st, for specific patients across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. In order to be eligible for the sensors, patients must have Type 1 diabetes, be aged four and above, currently be using multiple daily injections or insulin pump therapy, **and be under the care of a specialist clinician at the hospital.**

Access to Freestyle Libre will be rolled out gradually across the region and patients are being advised to wait until their next regular hospital appointment before asking for the device, **and not to request it from their GP. It will only be made available from hospital clinics initially, for patients who are under the care of a specialist.**