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Omnipod Insulin Pump

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding NHS-funded insulin pump therapy for adults with Type 2 diabetes within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the Regional Insulin Pump Service.

- 1. How many adults with Type 2 diabetes are currently using an NHS-funded insulin pump within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust?**

At the time of responding to this request, there are no adults with Type 2 diabetes funded for insulin pump therapy through Belfast Health and Social Care Trust or the Regional Insulin Pump Service.

- 2. How many adults with Type 2 diabetes have been approved for an NHS-funded insulin pump in each of the last five years?**

No adults with Type 2 diabetes have been approved for NHS-funded insulin pump therapy during the last five years.

The Department of Health do not fund insulin pumps for patients with Type 2 diabetes. For information on funding / commissioning policy, you should redirect your request to the Department of Health. Email: FOI@health-ni.gov.uk

- 3. Were these pumps approved through routine commissioning, the Regional Insulin Pump Service or an Individual Funding Request (IFR) or exceptional case process?**

Not applicable – there have been no approvals.

- 4. Please provide copies of any written policies, guidance, referral criteria or eligibility criteria used when considering insulin pump therapy for adults with Type 2 diabetes.**

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust can confirm that it does not hold the information requested. There are no Trust policies on funded insulin pump use for adults with Type 2 diabetes.

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- 5. Are factors such as quality of life, disability, multiple long-term medical conditions, frequent insulin injections, use of continuous glucose monitoring (CGM), difficulty achieving target HbA1c, or treatment burden considered when assessing suitability for an insulin pump?**

Not applicable - no adults with Type 2 diabetes have been approved for NHS-funded insulin pump therapy.

- 6. Is there any Belfast Trust or regional HSC Northern Ireland policy that excludes adults with Type 2 diabetes from being considered for insulin pump therapy solely because they continue to produce some endogenous insulin?**

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust can confirm that it does not hold any Trust policy that excludes adults with Type 2 diabetes from consideration for insulin pump therapy solely because they continue to produce endogenous insulin.

The Department of Health do not fund insulin pumps for patients with Type 2 diabetes. Therefore, you should redirect your request to them for any regional Health and Social Care Northern Ireland policy that excludes these patients from being considered for insulin pump therapy solely because they continue to produce some endogenous insulin? Email: FOI@health-ni.gov.uk

- 7. If there is no such exclusion policy, what guidance or criteria are consultants expected to use when deciding whether to refer an adult with Type 2 diabetes for assessment by the Regional Insulin Pump Service?**

As insulin pump therapy is provided for patients with Type 1 diabetes, adults with Type 2 diabetes are not referred to the Regional Insulin Pump Service for assessment. Accordingly, Belfast Trust holds no referral criteria for adults with Type 2 diabetes to access this service.

You may wish to direct your question to the Department of Health for any regional documentation confirming that the service is intended for patients with Type 1 diabetes only. Email: FOI@health-ni.gov.uk

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- 8. If available, please provide anonymised information showing the reasons why adults with Type 2 diabetes have been approved or declined for insulin pump therapy, where this is held in recorded documents.**

There have been no approvals, declines or assessments of adults with Type 2 diabetes for NHS-funded insulin pump therapy and, therefore, no such information is held.