

**PE1619/K**

Petitioner's submission of 17 April 2018

Having listened to the discussions online, I am cautiously optimistic about the outcome. The opinions given by committee members at least justify my petition and I can only hope they carry enough weight in order to achieve the result I (and many others) desire.

I have to reiterate that as a type 2 non-insulin dependant diabetic I don't use any blood/glucose testing as per GPs instructions. My selfish interest in this matter relates to my partner, a type 1 diabetic for 42 years. When we were in a better financial position we were able to purchase the sensors for the Freestyle Libre and were aware of a very noticeable reduction in the number of hypoglycaemic episodes she experienced. My partner indicated that the Freestyle Libre is an absolute game-changer, felt healthier both mentally and physically when using it and looks forward to the day she can use it again.

In addition, I was able to check her levels as she slept through the night if at any time I was concerned. We no longer have the same income and therefore it's a return to finger pricking and an increase in extreme blood glucose levels.

I stated that this was a selfish interest, however I have been observing social media and continually seeing the same positive feedback as regards the better levels of control over sugar levels whilst using the Libre.

We are aware of the recent changes but as yet the sensors are still unavailable in our NHS authority and when we approached both the GP and the Diabetic Clinic at the hospital to discuss, we were told they were unaware of any updates.

I hope this input is helpful and I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved in trying to find a resolution.