

Executive Summary – Joint Working Project

Hypoglycaemia Assessment & Intervention for Positive Outcomes (HAIPO) Project 2021 - continuation of project. (Project ends 5 Sep 23)

The organisations involved in this Joint Working Project:

The project will be led by a Steering Group, which will provide advice, support and overall direction for successful delivery of the project. The Steering Group will consist of representatives from:

- University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
- South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust
- Novo Nordisk Ltd
- Devon CCG

Key objectives of the Joint Working Project:

The project aims to proactively identify people living with diabetes and experiencing recurring episodes of hypoglycaemia, within the catchment area of University Hospitals Plymouth.

The objective is to conduct clinical review of these patients and optimisation of therapy to reduce the number of hypoglycaemia episodes and improve overall diabetes control. Use of appropriate interventions should result in improved quality of life and reduce longer term complications for people identified through the project.

The project aims to improve efficiency across the system through the creation of a new pathway and provision of an evidence-based model for potential adoption across the South West of England.

Expected outcomes and patient benefits of the Joint Working Project:

Expected benefits to people living with diabetes

- Reduction in hypoglycaemia events and/or severity of events
- Reduced impact on employment
- Improved quality of life

Expected benefits to the NHS

- Efficiency gains across the local system
- Potential business case with outcomes to justify funding for system change

Expected benefits to Novo Nordisk

- Experience of Joint Working to support further collaboration opportunities
- Potential uplift in prescribing of some marketed products already listed on the Devon formulary, in accordance with local and national guidance and if deemed appropriate after clinical review by a patient's health care professional

Measuring success of the Joint Working Project:

A range of data will be analysed as part of the project, including audits of hypoglycaemia events and patient interventions as well as system costs. The Steering Group will conduct regular project reviews to assess progress against the stated aims and milestones.

The organisations involved in this Joint Working Project are contributing the following:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

- On-costs associated with the post funded through the project
- Creation of the pathway and associated referral systems
- Gathering of relevant data
- Clinical review of people experiencing recurrent hypoglycaemia events

South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust

- Provision of ambulance call out statistics relevant to hypoglycaemia episodes
- Crews to attend/complete available training where relevant
- Adopt and implement the new pathway in the project area

Novo Nordisk Ltd

- Funding of Band 6 post required for the project
- Project/workshop facilitation
- Assistance to create business case
- Stakeholder communication and administration

Devon CCG (now NHS Devon ICB)

- Attendance at HAIPO core project team meetings
- Independent oversight and project governance
- Advice and signposting to people and resources needed to publicise the project
- Communication and networking assistance with the wider system
- Guidance on harmonisation with wider system needs and focus
- Opinion on progress and ongoing value of the project to patient care

Timeframe of the Joint Working Project:

The project will commence in September 2021 and run for two years until September 2023. The results will be published within 6 months of project completion (by 5th March 2024), and consideration will be given to earlier publication of any relevant interim findings.

Note

This project document is an amendment of the original executive summary issued 8th August 2021. It meets the requirement to extend the document certification to cover the period up until 5th September when the project ends and up to 5th March 2024 when outcomes are due to be published in accordance with the ABPI code relating to collaborative working arrangements.