

PE2031/M: Provide insulin pumps to all children with type 1 diabetes in Scotland

NHS Highland written submission of 7 October 2024

Please can I respond to your enquiry: “to seek further information on how additional funding from the Scottish Government for insulin pumps and diabetes technologies was allocated across adult and paediatric services to support increased provision of insulin pumps” as follows.

Following the receipt of additional Scottish Government funding, the majority of the children in the Highland HSCP area now have a pump, are on the pathway to having one or have declined to have a pump fitted. There are 15 patients out of our total clinic population of 122 not on a pump or enroute to receiving one. Of those, three are newly diagnosed in the last month, one has just moved to the area; and the remaining 11 patients have declined a pump at present. We will continue to work with them and their families so that they have all the information they need to consider this as an option for the future.

Patients of all ages from Argyll and Bute (A&B) receive pumps from Greater Glasgow and Clyde and we get a recharge every year based on activity. All of our patients get pumps and monitors, new and replacement. The HSCP has invested in diabetic devices in addition to the Scottish Government allocations to ensure that this can happen. I have assurance that any child who wants one in A&B is provided with one.

I trust that the above answers your enquiry. Please let me know if you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Davies
Chief Executive