**Patient Letter / Email to be sent by diabetes teams / provider services about access to change in access to CGM.**

Thank you for contacting the Diabetes Service for Dorset

As a team we are united in working with NHS Dorset to offer the best possible care for people living with diabetes in Dorset. We are very aware of the recent guidelines that have been released by NICE on the use of diabetes technologies.

As a local NHS we are having to make difficult choices about where we can make best use of diabetes technologies that improve outcomes for people. This will mean trade-offs in how we spend money on diabetes technology.

We will prioritise technology that deliver life changing benefits above technology that improve convenience.

Our policy in Dorset for continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices available on prescription will change during November to allow us to fund the life changing benefits of Hybrid Closed Loop (HCL) starting with people who are pregnant, children and young people with type 1 diabetes.

Some people with type 2 diabetes who have CGM devices on prescription will need to use finger prick blood testing to make it possible for others to have this new HCL technology.

Your diabetes healthcare professional will discuss this change with you as part of your individual diabetes care plan.

If you wish to continue to have CGM you will be asked to fund this technology.