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Subject: DIABETES NI

I am conducting a Freedom of Information search concerning Diabetes in Northern Ireland.

I am looking to find out:

Question 1

Number of Diabetics in Northern Ireland;

Answer

In Belfast Trust (only) we have currently 214 children with Type 1, Type 2, Cystic related diabetes, and steroid induced.

Not all adults who have diabetes attend the BHSCT for their diabetes management. Therefore Belfast Trust does not have information regarding the total number of adults with diabetes. The Department of Health (DOH) uses the QOF information from GPs and this information is on the DOH web page, the last return was 19/20.

Question 2

Number of diabetics using home glucose monitoring / test strips in Northern Ireland.

Answer

We have to assume they are all using the testing strips if not regularly. The number that use testing strips would not be accurate due to the introduction of the libre 2, but as it is not always accurate patients still will test traditionally using test strips. Also those on CGM, may also use test strip occasionally if they lost connection.

This information is recorded on the patient's record held by GPs, BHSCT staff have no access to GP records.