

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/230
Hybrid Closed Loop Systems

Information Requested:

NICE have announced TA943 supporting Hybrid Closed Loop systems in people living with T1 diabetes to have access to this technology. NHS England have asked ICBs to set out their plans on how they are going to deliver this.

Please can you tell me:

- When is the ICB going to implement NICE TA943 and if not what would be the reason for not doing so?
- What policy is currently in place within the ICB for use of Hybrid Closed Loop Systems?
- When does the ICB plan to have a policy in place in line with TA943
- Will this policy promote patient choice - drawing your attention to NICE FAQ document on local formularies and ensuring that full choice of TA treatments is not restricted <https://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-technology-appraisals/Frequently-asked-questions-on-NICE-compliance.pdf>
- Please can you also share a copy of the implementation plan that was submitted to NHS England

Response Details:

Please be aware that NHS England introduced integrated care systems (ICs) on 1 July 2022. As part of this process, 42 integrated care boards (ICBs) were established in England. NHS Wales has not introduced any such ICBs and does not report to NHS England in this context.

Nevertheless, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has adopted the All Wales approach to implementing the hybrid closed loop technology appraisal, which is being led by the NHS Wales Executive.

The UHB has a five-year plan starting with identification of priority groups. These are children and young people aged 25 years and younger, people who are pregnant and planning pregnancy, and those diagnosed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (January 2020).

We have identified numbers per health board and the UHB is considering an SBAR looking at staffing levels and managing its current waiting list. The UHB supports pump technology in around 20% of people living with type 1 diabetes and was an early adopter of hybrid closed loop technology.

We are streamlining our processes to enable preparation for the technology to be more efficient and accessible. We are also devising teaching programmes to upskill more Healthcare professionals in this area. Advice has been sought from Procurement to be efficient and cost effective.