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NHS Tayside is testing an enhanced care approach for people with diabetes. iDiabetes, which stands for intelligent diabetes, uses your medical records with blood tests and computer algorithms to help your diabetes care team offer you more precise treatment. Any recommendations made will be specific to you, based on your individual risks and likelihood of benefit, rather than the current one size fits all approach.

We are very excited about this new approach but to show that it is better than the current care you receive, and is good value for money, we need to introduce it as part of a research study. Across Tayside, patients will receive ongoing standard diabetes care or an iDiabetes care approach.



How does *i*Diabetes work?

You attend for your diabetes review.

Additional blood tests are requested to check for markers and gene variations.

Blood samples are tested as usual by NHS Laboratories.

Results are analysed using information about you such as your age and type of diabetes.

***i*Diabetes asks:**

- Do you have an increased risk of heart or liver disease?
- Is your diabetes control sub-optimal?
- Should you be on additional treatment?

Results are sent to your health care team within four weeks.

***i*Diabetes may recommend:**

- A change to a new medication
- Lifestyle changes
- Further tests, such as a heart or liver scan
- No changes

*i*Diabetes only makes recommendations. You and your doctor or nurse can agree on what is the right treatment for you.

We will follow how you get on for up to 15 years through your health records.

What happens to my health data?

In this research study we will use information from your medical records. We will only use information that we need for the research study. We will let very few people know your name or contact details, and only if they really need it for this study.

Everyone involved in this study will keep your data safe and secure. We will also follow all privacy rules. At the end of the study we will save some of the data in case we need to check it and for future research. We will make sure no-one can work out who you are from the reports we write. The information on the website tells you more about this.

What happens to my blood samples?

Your blood samples will be processed as usual within the NHS labs and the results used to inform your clinical care and make *iDiabetes* recommendations.

NHS blood samples are usually destroyed after seven days. If you are happy for us to store your left-over anonymised samples and health data for research to improve diabetes care, then we would encourage you to join the SHARE register (registerforshare.org).

If you do not wish to be involved

You do not have to take part and the standard of care you receive will not be affected. You can opt out of *iDiabetes* at any time without giving a reason. You can do this at your diabetes review by speaking to your doctor or nurse. You can also contact the *iDiabetes* team via the website or by phone.

If you'd like more information

You can find out more about *iDiabetes*, the blood tests and how recommendations are made on our website.

What are gene variations and why do we want to test for them?

Genes differ between people and these variations explain in part how we differ from each other. We will measure your gene variations to help improve how we treat your diabetes and how we estimate your diabetes related longer term risks. Specifically, for this study we will use these variations to generate two risk scores. The first one is for your risk of type 1 diabetes, which we'll use to help confirm your type of diabetes. The second one is for heart disease risk, which we will combine with other risk factors to help decide if you need treatment that reduces the risk of heart disease. As we are not undertaking tests for individual conditions there are no implications for health or life insurance.

You will be asked at your appointment to confirm you agree to these genetic tests. You can still be included in the study if you do not agree to the genetic tests.

What does this mean for me?

Your GP practice is taking part and has been selected at random (like tossing a coin) to implement *iDiabetes Plus* care. This will start when you attend your next diabetes review.

Can I see my results and treatment recommendations?

You will be able to see your results and tailored information in My Diabetes My Way. This 'patient portal' lets you find out all about your diabetes, and diabetes in general, and we encourage you to sign up to this. (mydiabetesmyway.scot.nhs.uk)

Follow up recommendations will occur when there is a change in your risk. For example, if you are treated with insulin and your risk of low blood sugar increases, *iDiabetes* will flag this risk to your healthcare team.

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