



Resource impact statement

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Indicator

The percentage of patients with diabetes and a history of CVD (excluding haemorrhagic stroke) who are currently treated with a statin.

Introduction

NICE guidance CG181 on [cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification](#), recommends that statin treatment for the secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in people with CVD should started with be atorvastatin 80 mg with a lower dose applying in certain circumstances.

This statement covers a new indicator that is part of the NICE menu of indicators for general practice, following the recommendations of the NICE indicator advisory committee in August 2018.

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There are around 55.3 million people in England ([Office for National Statistics, 2017](#)), of whom it is estimated around 2.9 million have diagnosed type 1 or type 2 diabetes ([NHS Digital, 2017](#)). It is not known how many of these people have a history of CVD (excluding haemorrhagic stroke) and are currently treated with a statin.

The additional costs of treating more people with a statin, when appropriate, are not considered to be significant.

As an illustrative example, based on the annual unit cost of treatment with a statin (where appropriate) for the secondary prevention of CVD of around £23.10 ([costing template for CG181 cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification](#) updated to current cost from [NHS drug tariff](#)), the additional cost per 10,000 people receiving a statin is around £231,000. When savings from a reduction in adverse events ([costing template for CG181 cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification](#)) are taken into account, the net cost falls to around £141,000.