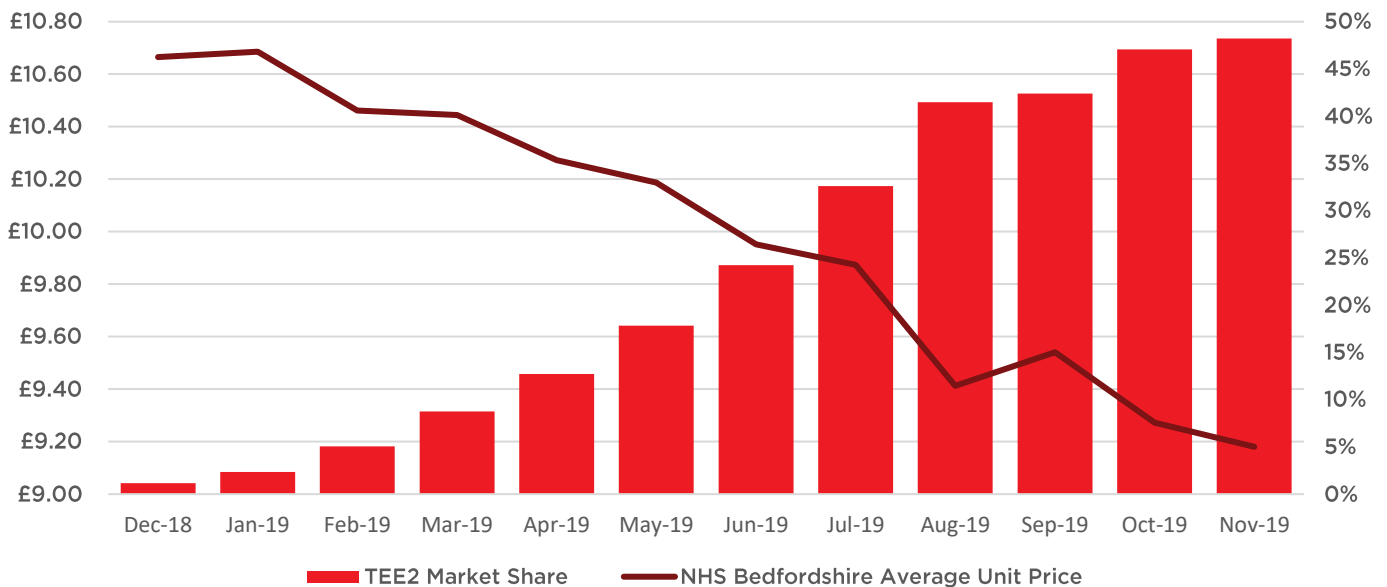


Reducing the Cost of Diabetes in NHS Bedfordshire CCG

NHS Bedfordshire CCG dramatically reduced the cost of caring for people with diabetes by switching to blood glucose test strips from Spirit Healthcare. The average unit price dropped in line with increased utilisation of Spirit's TEE2 test strips:

NHS Bedfordshire CCG Average Unit Price and TEE2 Market Share



IMPLEMENT BRILLIANTLY

Actively implementing a formulary change with effective training, support and education, makes a big difference in reducing costs – and this was also evident in the change programme at NHS Bedfordshire CCG. Analysis of a similar switch programme elsewhere in England showed that **savings could be almost 700% greater when the change is actively implemented**, compared to similar CCGs with no implementation programme.¹

The cost and standard of SMBG strips² vary significantly across the NHS. An active implementation approach to formulary change can take CCGs from being within the worst-performing group (the 10% of CCGs with the highest unit costs for SMBG strips) to within the best-performing group (the 10% of CCGs with the lowest unit costs)³.

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¹ Jim Swift et al., "Implementing formulary change in diabetes", British Journal of Healthcare Management, Vol. 23, No. 4,

² <https://www.magonlinelibrary.com/doi/abs/10.12968/bjhc.2017.23.4.167>

³ Reducing the cost of SMBG Test Strips, data on file, Spirit Healthcare GRP2286OCT19