

## Important Changes to your medication: Empagliflozin

# Switching to Dapagliflozin

### Information for patients

You have received this leaflet because you are taking a medicine called empagliflozin (Jardiance®). We have changed this medicine to dapagliflozin.

Empagliflozin and dapagliflozin tablets are both medicines used to treat diabetes, heart failure or kidney disease. They work in the same way and belong to the same group of medicines called SGLT2 inhibitors. Dapagliflozin is as safe and effective as empagliflozin.

We're making this change in line with local and national prescribing guidance. Dapagliflozin costs less, which helps the NHS use its resources more effectively.

This change is supported by specialists across Nottinghamshire.

As for empagliflozin, it is important to be aware of potential side effects of dapagliflozin (side effects are similar for both medicines). Please read the patient leaflet that comes with your medicine. Ask your surgery or Community Pharmacist (Chemist) if you have any questions.

The sick day advice for dapagliflozin is the same as for empagliflozin. Please scan the QR code or use the link for more information:



<https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/media/d01p0bfe/sick-day-rules-patient-information-leaflet.pdf>

**Please use up any empagliflozin tablets you may have left. Then continue to take dapagliflozin tablets in the same way.**

### Key reminders

- Always take medicines as prescribed by your doctor or pharmacist.
- Always read the patient leaflet that comes with your medicine. Ask your surgery or Community Pharmacist (Chemist) if you have any questions.
- If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact the surgery.
- If you want to leave feedback about the switch process, please contact the ICB Patient Experience Team by email at [nnicb-nn.patientexperience@nhs.net](mailto:nnicb-nn.patientexperience@nhs.net).