

Patient self-monitoring:

Frequency of readings: the women *will measure their blood pressures each morning* while on treatment initially while their BP is changing and *once per week once stable* on treatment (chronic/essential hypertension) or stable off treatment (for those whose BP returns to normal). If BP is high or low on weekly measurement, they will revert to daily BP readings.

Daily readings: Participants will take two BP readings each morning (at least one minute between readings) before 12 midday using Microlife WatchBP HOME monitor and add via the app; The 2nd BP will be used to make decisions and high or low readings will be repeated meaning a third BP reading. **If the participant does fewer BP readings than expected on a given day**, then the decision making for that day is based on the most recent BP that day. For example, if they do two BP rather than three

- If either systolic or diastolic BP reading is above target, then this will be treated as a raised BP reading. e.g. a BP of 120/92 would be raised due to the 92mmHg reading.
- In order to help decision making, we are using a colour coded system ("rainbow chart") where red is very high, purple is very low and so on. <u>Advice is slightly different</u> <u>depending on whether a participant is taking antihypertensive medication.</u>
- The women have an app which will advise them on their action. Clinicians will receive an email with the same advice. The section below is provided to give a manual version of the rationale for the recommendations which will come via app / email.
- <u>Clinicians are of course free to make their own decisions and this is simply advice to aid</u> <u>these.</u>
- First rainbow table is on treatment followed by off treatment/on stable treatment.
- The drug ladders give advice regarding appropriate steps when making changes of dose up and down. They are designed so women can make changes without needing multiple new prescriptions each time the dose changes.