Table 1: Self-monitoring components - factors to be considered at each stage in the design of a self-monitoring intervention

	Stage					
Factor	Education	Self-measurement	Adjustment/Adherence	Health care professional contact		
Purpose	<ul> <li>What is the purpose?</li> <li>To increase knowledge</li> <li>To provide skills</li> <li>To increase compliance</li> <li>To increase motivation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is the purpose?</li> <li>To provide information</li> <li>To increase compliance</li> <li>To increase motivation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is the purpose?</li> <li>Titration of medication</li> <li>Titration of behaviour</li> <li>Adherence to medication regime</li> <li>Adherence to behaviour regime</li> </ul>	<ul><li>What is the purpose?</li><li>To provide education</li><li>To increase compliance</li><li>To increase motivation</li><li>Safety</li></ul>		
People	<ul><li>Who receives the education?</li><li>Patients</li><li>Health care providers</li></ul>	<ul><li>Who is the information for?</li><li>Patients</li><li>Health care providers</li></ul>	<ul><li>Who adjusts/adheres?</li><li>Patients</li><li>Health care provider</li></ul>	<ul><li>Which health professionals?</li><li>Doctors</li><li>Nurses</li><li>Other</li></ul>		
Content	<ul><li>What type of education?</li><li>Theoretical basis</li><li>Content</li><li>Mode of delivery</li><li>Support materials</li></ul>	<ul><li>What test is to be used?</li><li>Accuracy of the test</li><li>Feasibility in this setting</li></ul>	<ul><li>What is adjusted/adhered to?</li><li>Medication</li><li>Behaviour</li></ul>	<ul><li>What is the format of the contact?</li><li>Effectiveness</li><li>Cost</li></ul>		
Timing	<ul> <li>What timing is optimal?</li> <li>Should it be once off or repeated</li> <li>How long between sessions</li> <li>Is it sustainable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What timing is optimal?</li> <li>How long should the run in be</li> <li>What is the frequency of measurements and does it take account of:</li> <li>The signal to noise ratio</li> <li>Fatigue factor and compliance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is the frequency of adjustments considering:</li> <li>The signal to noise ratio</li> <li>Fatigue factor and compliance</li> </ul>	<ul><li>What is the timing of the contact?</li><li>Feasibility</li><li>Compliance</li></ul>		
Other	<ul> <li>Should the learning be assessed?</li> <li>How many assessments</li> <li>What level of success before allowing self-measurement</li> <li>How much re-training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What quality assurance is required?</li> <li>Internal QA and External QA</li> <li>How often should QA be conducted?</li> <li>What is recorded?</li> <li>How reliable is the recording method</li> <li>How accurate is the recording method</li> <li>Is electronic recording available and feasible</li> </ul>	<ul><li>What guidance is provided?</li><li>Algorithm</li><li>Web based guidance</li><li>Clinician guidance</li></ul>	Other? • Algorithm based contact • Video conference		