



Chair's e-mail Bulletin, December 2012

Update on NHS Diabetes

Following the response from Sir Bruce Keogh

(http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/Dear_Sir_Bruce_Reply.pdf) there remains uncertainty around the fate of NHS DIABETES but ABCD is involved in active discussions around a proposal that any remnant of NHS Diabetes enters a National Diabetes Development Alliance in which various organisations including ABCD, Diabetes UK, PCDS and ABPI would work together in a structured way as part of the delivery strategy for the National Commissioning Board.

ABCD Type 1 campaign

The campaign launch event was held at the Royal College of Physicians on November 8th and was attended and supported by a variety of partner organisations including Diabetes UK, JDRF, the DAFNE collaborative and PCDS. ABCD is working with these organisations to ensure the campaign messages get both up to the National Commissioning Board and down to the clinical commissioning groups. See:

http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Type1_Campaign.htm

Best Practice for CCG's in commissioning for diabetes; an integrated care framework

Although your office walls may be papered with the volumes of previous commissioning documents the intelligence on the ground from NHS Diabetes is that CCG'S are asking for a single document supported by all the relevant organisations. There has been an initial meeting of stakeholders organised by NHS Diabetes and a writing group expects to have a version of the document available for organisational sign off this month, with a vigorous promotional campaign in the New Year. We will post on the ABCD website when available.

ABCD Survey Responses

Many thanks to 131 of you who responded to the survey monkey questionnaire relating to Type 1 diabetes, service losses and networks. The data on networks has already been used to inform a Diabetes UK document on networks. A few headlines pending full publication: Of members responding 38% reported being aware of examples where people with type 1 diabetes have come to harm from lack of access specialist care. The data on service reductions shows that our diabetes specialist nursing colleagues have been hardest hit with a total of 37 respondents reporting loss of nursing posts within the last year, predominantly due to vacancy freezes. Networks are believed by 86% of respondents to be capable of improving diabetes care but are reported to be in existence in their locality by only 62% of respondents; in those who did not have a network 73 % of respondents reported that a network had existed but had been disbanded.

Requests to circulate links to questionnaires

The ABCD officers have an increasing dilemma regarding increasingly frequent requests for support in circulating links to questionnaires. All of the links below are attached at the request of colleagues who are engaged in pieces of work which will enhance the care we all provide. So rather than the officers attempting to decide which we circulate, the officers would prefer to let you decide if you are able to allocate the time to support colleagues.

Links to questionnaires

JBDS in-patient guidelines survey

See ABCD announcements - <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk>

Exercise in diabetes survey

See ABCD announcements - <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk>

Management of severe hypoglycaemia in the community survey

See ABCD announcements - <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk>

NDIS Masterclasses And Clinical Champions Programme

The National Diabetes Information Service (NDIS) is running a series of masterclasses and also wishes to recruit to a regional champions programme.

See ABCD announcements - <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk>

Diabetes UK's 15 Healthcare Essentials Campaign

September marked the first anniversary of Diabetes UK's [15 Healthcare Essentials campaign](#), which raises awareness of the minimum level of healthcare everybody with diabetes should receive. Since its launch, more than 800,000 people have received a copy of the campaign checklist, which sets out the 15 essential checks based on the care standards recommended by NICE and NHS Quality Improvement. With around 3.7 million people living with diabetes in the UK, there are many more people still to be reached.

To order free copies of checklist to give to patients email jemma.stocks@diabetes.org.uk

You can also help build a clearer picture of diabetes care in the UK by encouraging people to share their experiences by completing Diabetes UK's [online care survey](#).

Mentorship Webpage

Dev Singh has developed this with Bob Ryder and the page is now live at

<http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/NDCMP.htm>

Innovations Webpage NHS Diabetes

Partha Kar NHS diabetes Innovations lead has developed this page to facilitate the spread of ideas and good practice

http://www.diabetes.nhs.uk/innovations_hub/

Chris Walton

Chair ABCD