



Chair's e-mail Bulletin, June 2012

ACCEA awards

Please take note of **deadline of July 1st 2012** for [submitting your application for ABCD support](#) if you have not previously submitted or you are making changes to a previously submitted application.

Please send your application or any inquiries concerning this to Alan Sinclair at sinclair.5@btinternet.com

ABCD submission to the Public Accounts Committee

The parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) met earlier this month to take evidence regarding the National Audit Office value for money report into diabetes services '[the management of adult diabetes services in the NHS](#)'

ABCD provided written evidence to the committee which is now [available on the website](#). The PAC will write its report over the summer. As a result of the National Audit Office report and the PAC inquiry there is a considerable political impetus both in Westminster and the Department of Health, which it is hoped can be channelled creatively by the diabetes care community working in unity. The Chief Executive of Diabetes UK, myself and the Chair of Primary Care Diabetes Society recently wrote to the Times and we are constantly monitoring developments for opportunities to influence emerging plans of action.

Type 1 awareness video

A [new video](#) to increase awareness of symptoms of type 1 diabetes has been produced by Diabetes UK and JDRF and is available at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYIQTyIh_0M

Survey on bariatric surgery for people with type 2 diabetes

The brief survey on the use of bariatric surgery on the use of bariatric surgery for non-morbidly obese patients with type 2 diabetes by Academic Unit of Primary Care and Population Sciences, University of Southampton is still open. They aim to ascertain the views of health professionals (Primary Care Clinicians, Bariatric Surgeons and Diabetologists) on the potential role of bariatric surgery for non-morbidly obese (BMI 30-39.9kg/m²) patients with type 2 diabetes. They have also surveyed such patients from primary care. The information gained will provide insight into the acceptability and feasibility of undertaking research into the cost-effectiveness of bariatric surgery in this group. The questionnaire

takes only **5-10 minutes** to complete; it needs to be completed in one sitting as there is no function to return to the questionnaire at a later stage. Owing to governance restrictions this study is **only open to clinicians based in England**. [Further information and to complete the survey](#).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact their Research Fellow, Rachael Summers or Professor Paul Roderick, phone 023 8079 5749 or email R.Summers@soton.ac.uk or pir@soton.ac.uk

NHS Reforms

The NHS Commissioning Board (NHSCB) has published details of the proposed 27 Local Area Teams (LATs), clinical senates and 10 specialised commissioning hubs. 12 clinical senates will provide advice and support to CCGs, Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) and the NHSCB in making healthcare decisions. Maps of the geographical areas which the LATs, specialised commissioning hubs and clinical senates will cover are available in this [document](#).

The Department of Health (DH) has published an updated version of '[Functions of Clinical Commissioning Groups \(CCGs\)](#)' to reflect the final content of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The publication sets out the commissioning responsibilities; financial duties; governance and planning obligations of CCGs from April 2013.

YDF Oxford Endocrinology Masterclass

The first YDF Oxford Endocrinology Masterclass will take place on Thursday and Friday 18/19th October 2012 at the [Randolph Hotel, Oxford](#).

This is the first of a three-year rolling programme that will cover the [RCP endocrinology syllabus](#). This [year's topics](#) are: pituitary and adrenal disease and neuroendocrine tumours. Delegates will be charged a registration fee to attend the event (£85). Please [click here](#) to apply.

Diabetes

A patient information leaflet produced by the diabetes nursing group TREND UK and reviewed by the DVLA (Jan 2012) is available by [clicking here](#).

The DVLA has also issued new [guidelines](#) for drivers with insulin-treated diabetes completing DIAB-1 medical forms. The changes have been made following concerns from Diabetes UK that the driving licence application was misleading. The form now makes it clear what is meant by a 'severe hypoglycaemic event'.

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