



Association of British Clinical Diabetologists

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### Survey on bariatric surgery for people with type 2 diabetes

The Academic Unit of Primary Care and Population Sciences, University of Southampton are conducting a brief survey on the use of bariatric surgery for non-morbidly obese patients with type 2 diabetes. 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/m<sup>2</sup>) 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 our Research Fellow, Rachael Summers or Professor Paul Roderick, phone 023 8079 5749 or email

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### National Diabetes Audit Newsletter

The first National Diabetes Audit newsletter is on the website and gives an understanding of how this important programme is developing and how it might be important or useful to you

[National Diabetes Audit Newsletter](#)

### Health and Wellbeing Boards

The Department of Health (DH) has published a guide to [Health and Wellbeing Boards](#) (HWBs) which are likely to play an increasingly important role in commissioning strategy alongside clinical commissioning groups. The guide explains the remit of the boards, their membership and how local people can use the boards to get involved in the development of local health strategies. HWBs were established from April 2013 and at present, 138 out of 152 local authorities have emerging HWBs preparing for the transition.

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