

## King's Fund Leadership Development Programme

Dear Colleagues,

You may already be aware of the King's Fund Leadership Programme for Consultant Diabetologists, which was piloted earlier this year. The programme arose from the work of the Specialist Services Liaison Group - a group of consultant diabetologists who have been working with the National Clinical Director to identify the current challenges and opportunities for specialists in diabetes in response to the NSF and changes in the NHS more widely.

The programme was well received by the participants and some of their responses to it can be seen at the bottom of the page. Funding has now been secured from the pharmaceutical industry and the National Diabetes Support Team, to run a second King's Fund programme.

The key aims of the programme will be:

- to develop the participants' understanding of:
  - contemporary policy and service developments in relation to system reform
  - the ways in which these and other topical issues will impact on the future delivery of diabetology service
  - the implications for the future roles and responsibilities of diabetologists
- to offer personal development opportunities in order to develop the participants leadership capacity
- to ensure that a wide group of consultants have a common understanding and opportunities to influence the issues and processes identified by the SSLG

The programme will take place in Blenheim Palace, near Woodstock, Oxfordshire and the participants will stay at the Bear Hotel in Woodstock. It will run in two modules, between February 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and it is essential that the participants are able to attend both modules.

Following the modules the participants will have the option of engaging in a development set network.

This will consist of small groups of participants from both this and the pilot programme who will meet 4 times a year in order to:

- gain support
- solve practical problems
- continue to develop their personal leadership capacity

The King's Fund will facilitate these groups and they will be funded by the National Diabetes Support Team.

The costs for participating in the programme itself will be met by Sanofi-Aventis and the cost of accommodation and travel will be met by the National Diabetes Support Team.

If you would like to participate in the programme, please send an expression of interest and a supporting statement to Claire Ewart at [c.ewart@kingsfund.org.uk](mailto:c.ewart@kingsfund.org.uk) by 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. Your statement should explain why you would like to participate and what you would hope to get out of it. Selection based on obtaining a breadth of representation may have to be made when initial interest has become clear. We will let you know if your application has been successful by telephone on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, so please include your contact number for that day.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours,

Dr Jiten Vora, Chair of the Specialist Services Liaison Group  
Dr Sue Roberts, National Clinical Director for Diabetes

- "Inspirational and life changing" "Stimulating, rewarding and therapeutic!"
- "A journey of self discovery, a learning opportunity and excellent networking"
- "I count myself fortunate to have participated in the Programme relatively early on in my consultant career - an invaluable experience."
- "Failure to seize this opportunity will be something to regret over and over again until the end of your professional career"
- "Excellent, Empowering and Enlightening"
- "The programme has allowed me to take a much more positive attitude to the changes that are going on all around. Though I may not approve of the current chaos in the NHS at least I have a better understanding and feel I can work more effectively in this turbulent environment. My stress levels have dropped considerably."