

Update on NHS Diabetes

NHS Diabetes is delighted to announce that we have been funded to continue our support for the diabetes community in 2011/2012.

We have exciting plans for this year, and we will regularly update you with our activities.

Priorities for this year include:

- supporting hospitals to **reduce diabetes medication errors** on the wards and to **improve inpatient audit results**
- working hard to **improve care for older people in care homes** by providing tools, education and support for healthcare professionals to improve the quality of patient care
- continued support for **better commissioning of integrated diabetes services** by encouraging use of our tools, on-line resources and expert commissioning support team
- **preparing for the new paediatric diabetes PbR tariff** with all paediatric diabetes units in England through supporting regional paediatric network outcomes
- **better access to robust health information and data** by supporting developments in the National Diabetes Information Service to ensure quality improvement priorities are evidence-based
- supporting services to deliver the outcomes referenced in the **NHS Operating Framework 2011-12 and NICE Quality Standards for Diabetes** through networks of practice.

Our networks of practice will run a free web-based lecture series, meet the expert sessions, presentations of diabetes success stories, on-line forums, and provide a team of experts to help answer diabetes clinical and management issues you might be facing in your own organisation.

We have a comprehensive library of guidance, success stories, support and information available through our website (www.diabetes.nhs.uk). You can download all of our new publications, including the much anticipated perioperative guidelines: 'Management of adults undergoing surgery and elective procedures: improving standards'. Our website will be undergoing an update and review over the next month or two, so if you have suggestions on improvements you would like to see, please let me know on enquiries@diabetes.nhs.uk.

We look forward to working with you, supporting you, and helping you to achieve excellent diabetes services for your patients this year.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Morton".

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