

DIABETES CARE FOR YOU

Wanted – User representatives from Brighton & Hove & High Weald, Lewes and Havens area of East Sussex for NEW Diabetes Stakeholder Network

Purpose

- To contribute an informed user perspective to identifying priorities and developing local diabetes services.
- To work with others to gather views of people with diabetes and their carers more broadly, by helping to develop strategies for gathering user views.
- To ensure that all local plans take account of the needs of people with diabetes.



Responsibilities

- Engage with people from the local diabetes population and be a link by feeding back from the planning group.
- Link with relevant community groups and other relevant user forums
(NB. You do not have to be a committee member of such groups but should have a willingness to engage with groups to gather relevant intelligence).
- Participate in reviewing the evaluation and monitoring data and local audit projects, and determine subjects for inclusion.
- Participate in developing programmes and methods to encourage wider user involvement.
- Network with other user representatives to share knowledge.
- To ensure local plans reflect desires and needs of the local diabetes population.

- To keep themselves informed of developments in the health service nationally and locally.
- To keep themselves informed of the provision of local diabetes services and the views of people with diabetes and their carers about those services.

Experience, skills and knowledge

1. Be a person with diabetes receiving care in Brighton & Hove or the High Weald, Lewes and Havens areas of East Sussex.
We would ideally like representation to show a range of 'diabetes experience' i.e. some who have lived with diabetes for some time and others who have been diagnosed more recently.
2. Some experience of committee work or transferable skills.
3. Evidence of effective communication and negotiation skills.
4. An understanding of local diabetes services.
5. Commitment to representing the diverse needs of people with diabetes.
6. Willingness to learn and develop.

Time commitment:

- We anticipate attendance at three network meetings per year.
- Attendance at further sub-group meetings as agreed.
- We envisage the person undertaking the role to spend additional time liaising with other people with diabetes in order to bring a broader view to the group.

Expenses:

- This is an unpaid/voluntary role.
- We will reimburse travel expenses to attend meetings associated with the work of the group as agreed by the network manager.
- The cost of any postage or stationery (e.g. if a patient survey was undertaken) will be reimbursed in full but prior agreement must be made for any such expense with the network manager.

Tenure:

Initially we are looking for people to commit for a 2 year period.

Contact: justin.veysey@nhs.net if you are interested in the role.

See further information about our Diabetes Care for You service from our website: www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/diabetesc4u