



# Northern Ireland Conference of the Diabetes Society

NI Diabetes Regional Pathway Interactive Presentation

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# NI Diabetes Regional Pathway Interactive Session

- Introduction - Elaine
- Objectives for today - Elaine
- Background - Joanne
- Interactive Question and short discussions – Elaine and Joanne

## Objective for today

- Pulse check and to seek some feedback
- Primary Care plays a leading role in the delivery of diabetes
- Interactive session with some questions and discussion

## Background

- Brief introduction to the Network and the work of the pathway to date
- 4 Strands
  - Core
  - Enhanced
  - Community Model
  - Hospital
- Myth busting – framework is agreed but now working to see what might look like
- Pathway is to support patients and healthcare professionals to manage diabetes in a more effective way
- Progress to date and Primary Care engagement



## **What we have been told to date by Primary Care**

- Huge variance in the delivery of diabetes care
- Aware current pressures within practice
- Capacity – workforce to support

## **Recurrent themes from Primary Care of what might be required for new models of care**

- Resource
- Training
- Funding
- Communication with Primary Care

## Questions

- 3 Sections – 12 questions in total
- Test question

# 1. What is your role within Primary Care?

- GP
- Practice Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Podiatrist
- Other

## **2. What trust area do you work in?**

- Western
- South Eastern
- Southern
- Northern
- Belfast



### **3. What services do you currently have access to in your area?**

- CCG advice line to secondary care
- Community diabetologist
- Formal linking with DSN community support
- Ad hoc/other arrangements

## 4. How is diabetic care currently managed within your Practice?

- Planned Clinics (Face to Face, Patient invited to attend)
- Planned Clinics (Telephone Review, Patient invited to same)
- Planned clinic (Combination of Face to Face and Telephone Reviews, Patient invited to same)
- Ad hoc (Patient attends for bloods at treatment room, patient initiated)
- Other –



# **Discussion and participant responses**

**5. Which Healthcare Professional(s) within your team are responsible for delivering diabetes care?**

- Practice Nurse only
- Practice nurse with GP oversight
- GP only
- Pharmacist only
- Pharmacist with GP oversight
- Other

## **6. What forms part of a standard diabetic review within your practice?**

- HBA1c Only
- HBA1c with BP, ACR, Cholesterol
- Individualised comprehensive assessment – checking for the above and other parameters – such as eye screening attendance, foot check and comorbidities

## **7. How do you decide how often patients are reviewed?**

- Annual review for all
- Individualised decision based on patient needs
- Other

**8. How satisfied are you with the delivery of diabetes care within your practice?**

5

4

3

2

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Extremely satisfied

Not Satisfied



# **Discussion and participant responses**



**9. At present, how confident would your Practice be in managing patients on more than 2 oral agents?**

- Extremely confident – staff responsible for management of this fully trained
- Confident within team - some members of team can carry out
- Not confident - Full training required

**10. If confident, how have you achieved this level of competency?  
(Multiple answer question)**

- Additional qualifications such as diabetes diploma etc
- Health professional with specialist interest within the practice
- Direct access to Community Diabetologist
- Access to GP advice line
- Other

**11. What would enhance your confidence in the management of more complex patients?**

- Referral to a community care model
- Additional support in practice/training
- Better connection with secondary care
- Other

**12. In terms of Enhanced Care, what level would you be comfortable with delivering and what would that model of care need to include?**

- Any combination of oral medications
- Any combination of oral medications and injectibles (not insulin)
- Individual risk stratification of patients (across parameters including BP, smoking status, age etc)



**Discussion and participant responses**

**Concluding comments**



**Thank you for your time and  
participation**