

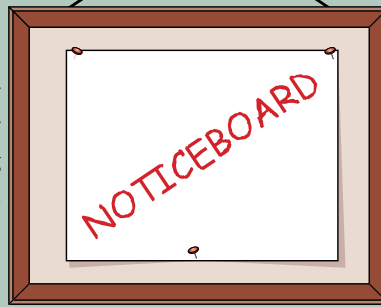


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Do you ever wonder if other people are doing the same as you and that you might just be re-inventing the wheel?

Now is your chance to find out by using the Noticeboard section in the *Journal of Diabetes Nursing*. As a member of the journal's editorial board, I have for some time now wanted to create an

opportunity for myself and other nurses involved in diabetes care to pose a quick question or share a fleeting thought with other healthcare professionals without having to write a whole article or phone round an array of colleagues.



The idea of Noticeboard is much the same as an internet message board where people can place requests, thoughts, ideas – in fact anything they want to share – as a brief message on this page. We at the journal will then encourage other readers to comment in the next issue, thereby enhancing ongoing debate

and discussion but with a minimum of effort on the part of participants.

Easy and efficient way to share ideas

The great advantage of the journal's monthly frequency is that we can be reactive to the needs of our readers. We hope that Noticeboard represents an easy and efficient way to share ideas and to receive answers to questions you want answered.

Consulting children and young people with diabetes in the design and development of services

Q Has anyone undertaken work involving the consulting of children and young people with diabetes in the design and development of services? If so, Diabetes UK would like to hear from you.

Diabetes UK is hoping to document the methods people have used to engage children and young people in this process.

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*Stella Valerkou, Good Practice
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Knowledge and skills framework for a diabetes facilitator

Q Does anyone have a knowledge and skills framework for a diabetes facilitator?

*Kit McAuley,
Diabetes Facilitator, Enfield Primary Care Trust*

A The National Diabetes Facilitators Group started working on this last year at the same time that we were involved with a project on facilitation in diabetes with Skills for Health, but unfortunately the work was not completed. Some members of our committee have been writing knowledge and skills framework outlines for their own posts and would be happy to share these with you (see The Link section in this issue for details of the group). One of the main issues is the diversity of roles which come under the umbrella of 'facilitation' with some nurses combining this role with a post in secondary care. Other people, similar to me, have been co-opted as network managers. Without wishing to be too controversial, there are some knowledge and skills framework outlines for nurse consultants which overlap a great deal with the nurse facilitator role. Again the National Diabetes Facilitators Group would be willing to share these with you.

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Please send any responses to the above or future questions or comments to Debbie Hicks at NOTICEBOARD, 15 Mandeville Courtyard, 142 Battersea Park Road, London, SW11 4NB (email: notice@sbcommunicationsgroup.com or fax 020 7627 1570)