

National Diabetes Audit Quality Improvement Collaborative

Application deadline Wednesday 21st April

The National Diabetes Audit (NDA) team is keen to support services to improve the care for people with diabetes. During the past three years, NDA Quality Improvement Collaboratives (QICs) in foot care, pregnancy in diabetes, inpatient care and paediatric to adult transitional care have proved successful (download the [report here](#)).

We are now seeking to recruit teams including CCG diabetes leads to join a new QIC to explore approaches to reducing cardiovascular risk in people with type 2 diabetes because the NDA shows the continuing high risk of CVD and associated premature mortality. There is considerable variation in achievement of preventive care targets by geography and by individual General Practice.

We recruited for the first cohort of this 2021-22 QIC programme earlier this year but we now have capacity to offer another 10 CCG/LHB teams the opportunity to participate, forming a second cohort.

Would you like to join us?

We are inviting CCG and Health Board diabetes teams, who would like to undertake improvements related to the above aspects of care, to work together with 9 others to develop improvement skills to plan and implement a project and to share learning.

The core local team should consist of a lead for diabetes care in the local commissioning team / Welsh Health Board; a member of the diabetes specialist team; a member of the primary care team. This core team will work with a wider team of local stakeholders, including people with diabetes and the local public health team.

After the initial online webinars we will look at ways of sharing learning between your cohort and the QIC cohort who began in March 2021.

The offer

These three core team members will take part in a series of interactive webinars on Microsoft Teams. Working alongside peers from across England and Wales, the teams will be supported to engage stakeholders, analyse local performance, identify influences upon performance, select improvement actions, develop commitment for the improvement actions, monitor performance, and share lessons and resources.

The collaborative will be supported from May 2021 to May 2022, at which point we will discuss with participants how they would like to proceed thereafter.

We will find ways of sharing learning beyond the collaborative participants, for example, through conferences, the Diabetes UK and NDA websites and via clinical networks.

How to apply?

There is no charge to join the collaborative, but we do require commitment to engage with the webinars and to develop, implement and evaluate service changes.

Before you submit your application form, we ask that you discuss your aim with the Chief Executive of your local CCG/Welsh Health Board. You'll need to provide evidence that this has taken place by uploading any relevant email on the application form or by forwarding it to us by email as soon as possible after you have submitted your application.

If you are interested in participating in this quality improvement opportunity, please [complete an online application form](#) **by the end of Wednesday 21st April 2021**. We have capacity for up to 10 teams to join the collaborative and if over-subscribed will select sites based upon their application.

Should you have questions about this, please email: nda@diabetes.org.uk