

National Diabetes Audit Quality Improvement Collaborative

Application deadline Wednesday 21st April 2021

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, in-patient care and paediatric to adult transitional care have proved successful (download the [report here](#)).

We are now seeking to recruit teams from diabetes specialist services to join a new QIC to explore approaches to improving the rate of achievement of target glucose control in people with type 1 diabetes. The NDA shows it is low on average, is improving very slowly on average and varies considerably by geography and by service.

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

Would you like to join us?

We are inviting specialist services who are keen to undertake improvement projects related to increasing the proportion of type 1 patients with lower risk HbA1c levels. They will work together with 9 other services to develop improvement skills, to plan and implement a project and to share learning.

The core local team should consist of senior members of the medical and nursing diabetes specialist team and others as appropriate to the service concerned. Potential members will be identified as part of early discussion with shortlisted applicants.

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

The core team members will take part in a series of interactive webinars on Zoom or 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 actions, develop commitment for the improvement actions, monitor performance and share knowledge about systems, resources and outcomes.

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 also find ways of sharing learning from the QIC beyond the 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(s) with your local CCG (or equivalent) and that you obtain approval to participate from your Trust Chief Executive

(or equivalent). 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, we will select sites based upon their application.

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