

## National Diabetes Audit Quality Improvement Collaborative

### Currently open for application

The National Diabetes Audit (NDA) team is keen to support services to improve the care for people with diabetes. Over the past 5 years, NDA Quality Improvement Collaboratives (QICs) have supported local teams to improve outcomes in foot care, pregnancy, in-patient care, paediatric to adult transitional care and in type 1 and type 2 diabetes ([read the reports here](#)). The learning from these Collaboratives and elsewhere has also enabled us to refine the approach.

We are now seeking to recruit **ALL diabetes specialist teams in England and Wales** to collaborate to improve the care for people with type 1 diabetes. To provide a common focus and to address a key recommendation of the National Diabetes Audit, this work will focus on increasing the use of insulin pumps. We will seek to implement NICE-recommended care, and in doing so, to reduce inequalities.

There are about 32,000 people with type 1 diabetes in England and Wales who use an insulin pump. This figure includes people using one as part of a closed loop system. There are about 90,000 people with type 1 diabetes in England and Wales who have an HbA1c above 69mmol/mol but do not use an insulin pump. Since 2008, NICE has recommended insulin pumps for people whose HbA1c levels have remained high with multiple daily injections despite a high level of care. You can read more of the current challenges in the [NDA Type 1 Report 2020-2021](#).

Working together as part of a collaborative provides the opportunity to learn from and with others experiencing common barriers to care, and a platform to share improved ways of working.

### Would you like to join us?

We will create cohorts of 20 specialist diabetes teams and support them to develop, implement and evaluate improvement actions. There will be no charge to teams for taking part. We will provide opportunities for teams to describe their current and previous work and share lessons (positive and otherwise), so as to support each other. We will also find ways of sharing learning from the QIC beyond the participants, for example, through conferences, the Diabetes UK website and via clinical networks. The work will be evaluated so that we can consider how to support teams to improve in future.

### The offer

Following an initial one-to-one call to answer any questions and discuss the team make-up, there will be 2 virtual webinars for each cohort bringing together 20 teams. During the virtual webinars (6 hours in total), you will undertake exercises with other people in your team to consider your local circumstances, to identify opportunities to improve and to decide how to implement these. After the webinars, there will be a further one-to-one call, followed by collaborative, multi-site calls approximately every 1-2 months. Only one member of your team needs to join these later calls.

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 learning.

### **How to apply?**

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

If you are interested in participating in this quality improvement opportunity for specialist diabetes services, please [complete an online application form](#) **as soon as possible**.

Should you have questions about this, please email: [nda@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:nda@diabetes.org.uk)