

Local groups update

Autumn issue

Hello,

Welcome to the autumn issue of Local Groups Update. These updates provide essential information for your local group, so please do pass this on to your committee and the members who visit your group, so we can keep everyone informed.

Thank you for everything that you do to provide support for people living with diabetes. We couldn't do it without you.

The Volunteer Development Team

Updates

Annual reporting 2017

A big thank you to everyone who completed their annual report last year. Following feedback from our groups, we've streamlined this year's process and kept it simple. Now there is only one form to fill in which you can access, along with a step-by-step guide, on the local groups portal. The deadline to submit your annual report is **Friday 19 January 2018**. For further information or help completing your report, please contact your local volunteering team.

Link to form and step-by-step guide: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Local-Groups-Portal/Money-matters-and-annual-reporting/> or please call your local volunteering team for a copy of each.

Coming soon – the Future of Diabetes

Over the summer, we asked our local groups to take part in our Big Conversation about the future of diabetes. We'll be launching the findings in our report in all four UK Parliaments on World Diabetes Day. We'll also be sharing some new ways you can help make people's vision for a better future a reality. Watch this space for more information about how your group can get involved.

World Diabetes Day - 14 November

As well as launching our Future of Diabetes report, this World Diabetes Day we want you to join our fight for a better future for people living with diabetes. Spread the word on Twitter and Facebook using #WorldDiabetesDay. Your voice will help to make better diabetes care, research and understanding a reality

Other news

We #MadeltHappen. New glucose monitoring technology to be made free on the NHS

Thanks to your campaigning, flash monitoring devices will be made available on prescription across the UK from the beginning of November. This could help thousands of people across the UK manage and monitor their blood glucose levels, helping more people with diabetes stay healthy. But this is just the first step, local bodies will make the decisions on whether to fund flash monitoring technology. Sign up and help people living with diabetes in your area get a fair deal.

Link to sign up and join the fight: <https://goo.gl/6WhLdG>

Type 1 diabetes and uni life

We've launched a new series of videos all about getting the most out of uni life when you have Type 1 diabetes, which includes #UNltype tips and opening up to new friends about diabetes for the first time. Help us reach more young people by sharing these videos on social media or with families affected by Type 1 diabetes. If you think you can help us get the message out to universities in your area, get in touch at type1@diabetes.org.uk.

Key dates – 2018

- 1-7 June - **Volunteer's Week**
- 11-17 June - **Diabetes Week**
- 14 November - **World Diabetes Day**

Let's keep in touch

Do you want someone else to act as main contact? Get in touch with your local volunteering team so we can update your details.

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