

April 2017

Dear XXX,

As the main contact for your local group, we are writing to you with important updates from Diabetes UK. We need you to pass this message on to your committee and people that visit your group, where relevant, to make sure your group is kept informed.

The Volunteer Development Team

## Updates

### Thank you for annual returns

A huge thank you to those of you who completed the annual returns for 2016. The information is being processed, and we can already substantial funds donated towards our work and research projects. Thank you for all your hard work and continued support.

### Welcome to the team

In your last Local Group Update, we announced that we were working to improve our relationship with you and ensure you receive the right support at the right time. We are pleased to share news of additions to the volunteering team:

- Andy Broomhead – Head of Volunteering
- Amie Phillips – Volunteer Operation Programmes Manager
- Corriene Bailey-Bearfield – Senior Volunteer Development Lead for South East and London
- Michelle Kelly – Senior Volunteer Development Lead for North West and Northern & Yorkshire regions
- Suzanne Smith – Senior Volunteer Development Lead for Midlands and Eastern regions
- Emma Parke – Volunteer Coordinator for Northern & Yorkshire
- Jennifer Lippiatt - Volunteer and Influencing Support Officer
- Jennifer Shaw – Group Liaison Officer for North West
- Harpreet Brrang - Group Liaison Officer for Midlands
- Paul Pether- Group Liaison Officer for London

They all bring a wealth of experience and knowledge between them and we are very excited to have them join our team. If you have any questions for our new members or simply want to welcome them to the team, please send across an email to [volunteering@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@diabetes.org.uk)

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## Key events

### UK Inspire Awards

Roll out the red carpet, the UK Inspire Awards are back. Congratulations to all the local winners who will be entered into the running for the UK wide Inspire Awards. The overall winners will be announced on 5 July at Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham. Please contact your local team for more information or visit the website: [https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get\\_involved/Inspire-Awards/](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Inspire-Awards/)

### Diabetes Week: 11-17 June 2017

Diabetes Week is just around the corner and we want to know what you are doing to 'Know Diabetes. Fight Diabetes'. We'll be creating resources and posting them directly to you by May to hand out at your awareness events to support our campaign. For more information and more ideas of how you can get involved, check out the Diabetes Week page [https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get\\_involved/Diabetes-Week/](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Diabetes-Week/) or the local groups portal <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Local-Groups-Portal/>.

## Other news

### What should it be like to live with diabetes in the future?

This June we'll be holding a series of Big Conversations to find out what people living with diabetes want and need to live the best possible life. The feedback we receive will be used to write a report on the 'Future of Diabetes' which will be launched on World Diabetes Day and directed at the people who can make the changes we want to see happen. For more information on how to get involved and facilitate your own discussions, please contact your local team.

### Help spread the message about keeping feet healthy

Figures show there are more than 20 amputations a day as a result of diabetes. As part of Foot Health Awareness Month this May we're asking you to help us reach more men, who are more at risk of developing foot problems, with the simple message that diabetes amputations are serious, but can be prevented. New resources are on their way to help you reach out to your community. Email [Jess.Hodge@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:Jess.Hodge@diabetes.org.uk) for more information and support.

### Lincoln research team opens lab for people with diabetes

Diabetes UK funded researcher Dr. Mike Christie, at the University of Lincoln, has opened the doors to his lab for one day to our supporters. Liz Aldridge from the Lincoln and District Group attended the tour. You can find out more about Liz's experience on the website: [https://www.diabetes.org.uk/In\\_Your\\_Area/Midlands/Regional-news/Lincoln-research-team-opens-lab-for-people-with-diabetes/](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/In_Your_Area/Midlands/Regional-news/Lincoln-research-team-opens-lab-for-people-with-diabetes/)

### 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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