National Diabetes Inpatient Audit: are hospitals providing good quality diabetes care?

Report at a glance 2017

The National Diabetes Inpatient Audit measures the quality of care provided to people with diabetes when they are in hospital. The information in the audit is collected and submitted by hospital staff in England and Wales.

The results (of respondents to the 2017 audit)

**ENCOURAGING**

- **Seen by a Diabetes Specialist**
  - 72% (where appropriate)

- **Multidisciplinary Foot Care Team**
  - 80% of hospitals have a foot care team

- **Inpatient Satisfaction**
  - 84% satisfied with overall diabetes care in hospital

**IMPROVEMENT NEEDED**

- **Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Nurse (DISN)**
  - 28% where appropriate

- **Hypos**
  - 26% of inpatients experience at least one severe hypo during hospital stay

- **Meal Choices**
  - 46% inpatients not satisfied with the suitability of meal choices

**CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED IN:**

- Medication Management
- Insulin Errors
- Preventing DKA in Hospital Patients

**WE SAY**

There have been some very encouraging improvements in inpatient care for people with diabetes. But there is still a need for considerable improvements in many areas. There are big differences in outcomes between different services and people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Finding out why will be an important part of improving care for people with diabetes when they are in hospital.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

On the National Diabetes Inpatient Audit 2017 please download the summary report, which also includes recommendations for people with diabetes in hospital. Visit the NHS Digital website to see the full report and the results for your local hospital.