



Type 1 Events

PDSN/DSN Volunteer Role Description

Team: Type 1 Events Team

About Diabetes UK

As the UK's leading diabetes charity, our mission is that by bringing people together to work in partnership, we will support those living with diabetes, prevent Type 2 diabetes, make research breakthroughs, and ultimately find a cure.

About Type 1 Events Family Weekenders

Type 1 Family Weekenders offer a unique three-day experience for children, young people and their families. The parents have their own programme where they can meet other parents, share concerns and gain confidence and insight from our experienced volunteers. The children and young people have the opportunity to enjoy activities away from their parents, often for the first time, in a safe and fun environment. Plus the siblings of the children with Type 1 have the opportunity to share their experiences with other siblings.

About the PDSN/DSN Volunteer role

Qualified PDSN/DSN volunteers are needed to oversee the diabetes care and general wellbeing of the children with Type 1 on the weekend while they are away from their parents doing fun activities. You'll be fully supported by our experienced lead healthcare professional (HCP) volunteer. When you aren't busy with clinical care you'll be able to join in with the weekend's activities.

Main tasks and activities

- Support the Lead HCP volunteer in ensuring that the children's diabetes is managed safely and well why they are away from their parents
- Provide specialist knowledge and encourage children and parents with informal learning on subjects such as carb counting and injection techniques
- Supervise the children allocated to your team including blood glucose testing or treating hypos as appropriate and ensure these are appropriately recorded
- Support the children with carbohydrate counting and informal learning about managing Type 1
- Reinforce good diabetes practice as agreed with the team and within the Diabetes UK framework
- With the other volunteers in your team, supervise and monitor the children to prioritise their safety and welfare and ensure they are all accounted for at all times
- Be available to speak to parents to answer any of their queries or concerns of a clinical nature
- Attend daily briefing meetings as organised by the Event Organiser onsite and disseminate information as necessary
- Complete relevant online training modules as prescribed by Diabetes UK, prior to the event
- Arrive by 12.00pm on the Friday of the event in order to complete the pre-event training and induction



- Follow all Type 1 events procedures including safeguarding procedures
- Get involved and have fun!

About you

We are looking for registered PDSNs and DSNs who are:

- Experienced with pump therapy, continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) and Flash.
- Happy to work as part of a team
- Confident to help manage diabetes in children and young people
- Able to multi task and manage the pressure that can sometimes come when supervising a group of children and young people
- Enthusiastic and enjoy empowering children and young people

What Diabetes UK can offer you

- The opportunity to be part of the Type 1 Events programme giving children and young people and families affected by Type 1 time and space to gain confidence, share experiences and realise they are not alone.
- Professional development and invaluable experience in the field with Type 1 diabetes management away from clinic and appointments!
- Experience to contribute to your revalidation process
- Support from the Diabetes UK Type 1 Events Team, clear volunteer guidelines and specific event training including safeguarding, diabetes management and your role at the event.
- The opportunity to learn new skills
- Medical malpractice cover through the Diabetes UK insurance policy
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel costs to and from the event venue
- All food and accommodation during the event.

How to apply and next steps

Please apply by completing the application form [here](#).

Volunteers are selected on the basis of the application form and a value-based interview. Satisfactory references and criminal records check will also be required.

Once your application has been reviewed you will be invited to a Volunteer Recruitment Session where you will have a 30 minute interview, as well as the chance to learn more about volunteering and meet some experienced volunteers.

Then, once accepted, get ready to take on your event. It's going to be a lot of fun.

If you have any questions, please contact the Type 1 Events team at type1events@diabetes.org.uk