

## Highlight Notice: understanding the development of less common diabetes

This highlight notice is an invitation for scientists to apply to this funding round with research proposals that try to understand the development of less common instances of diabetes.

[The Diabetes Research Steering Groups](#) have identified that a better understanding of how diabetes develops outside of the majority of cases will not only help those people affected but it will also increase our understanding what drives the most common forms of diabetes. Research in this area therefore has the potential to improve the diagnosis, treatment and management of all types of diabetes.

Less common diabetes is any diabetes that sits outside of the majority of cases, a few examples are type 2 diabetes that is diagnosed in younger people or people who are not overweight, diabetes that develops after certain cancer treatments or alongside other conditions, gestational diabetes that develops in people you wouldn't expect it to, and diabetes in people from minority populations, particularly those at a higher risk of developing type 2 than white Europeans.

We are looking for projects that will impact the lives of people with diabetes, deliver high quality research, and give a high value for money.

*"Our condition is so much more than the stereo-typical view of diabetes. We are all unique. How we treat, live with, and manage our diabetes is up to us. Understanding of the causes of diabetes, particularly these less common forms, will build upon what is already known and enhance the knowledge not only of what is unique, but also of what is common in our condition. Using that knowledge we can build treatments and other interventions, and possibly prevent the onset on diabetes." **Simon Coey, person living with diabetes and co-author of this highlight notice.***