

## London Clinical Networks

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Dear colleague,

**The Diabetes Clinical Network is currently seeking up to four clinical leads to provide one session each per week to support our work streams.**

Clinical Networks bring stakeholders -- providers, commissioners and patients -- together to create alignment around programmes of transformational work that will improve care.

The networks play a key role in the health system by providing clinical advice and leadership to support both local decision making and strategic priorities. Working with the multi-disciplinary team and across boundaries of commissioning and provision, they provide a vehicle for improvement where a single organisation, team or solution cannot.

The clinical director is supported, as for all London clinical networks, by a clinical leadership group of a range of clinical and non-clinical experts from across the capital, and contains a wide range of views and perspectives on diabetes care and prevention. For the Diabetes network that group is brought together by a shared passion for improving diabetes care within London, which has recently been enhanced by the opportunities provided through the treatment & care transformation funding.

Work so far by the network includes:

1. Implementation of NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme
2. Improving the management of diabetes care in primary care through [workforce development](#) and to ensure [key principles](#) are part of routine service delivery.
3. Ensuring people with Type 1 Diabetes are able to [access and receive optimal care](#).
4. Facilitating best practice [foot care pathways](#) and [clinical guidance](#) in managing foot care for people with diabetes.
5. Considering [mental health needs](#) alongside routine diabetes care, including [eating disorders amongst people with Type 1 diabetes](#).

### Diabetes Clinical Network Projects in 2018/19

- Improving population health outcomes through the prevention of type 2 diabetes, including uptake of the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme.
- Reducing variation in care for type 1 and type 2 diabetes and optimising the management of HbA1c, Blood pressure and Cholesterol, by sharing good practice and supporting areas to implement improvements.
- Increasing referral and attendance at Structured Education by understanding the issues / barriers, to increase awareness and understanding of available courses, and the benefits for people with diabetes, and strengthening data quality and capture.
- Enhancing foot care for people with diabetes through spread and adoption of good practice, utilising audits to understand presentation and management across London.

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- Supporting improvement in care for inpatients with diabetes through raising awareness of diabetes management in the acute setting and workforce development.
- Through work with the other clinical networks, we will also be supporting improvements in other emerging opportunities.

### What we are seeking from you

1. Using your knowledge and experience to provide clinical leadership and oversight for the delivery of projects in the transformation bids (treatment targets, structured education, MDFT and diabetes inpatient specialist nursing).
2. Using your knowledge and experience to lead and influence the system to reduce the variations in care and outcomes across London.
3. Using skills and knowledge to contribute towards the development and implementation of a diabetes strategy for London, to enable people with diabetes to live well for longer and improve population health.

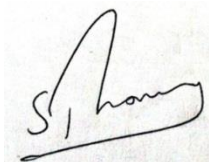
For the network the four opportunities are aligned around the following areas; **(A) population health, (B) management of diabetes in out of hospital settings, (C) foot care and (D) inpatient care.**

There will be remuneration (backfill) available equivalent to 1 PA (session)/0.1 WTE per week. This will be from 1 July 2018 to 31 January 2019 initially.

**Applications should be supported by a brief CV outlining relevant experience and a statement of personal reflection on how clinical leadership could be applied for the above mentioned opportunities within London. Please specify which opportunity you would like to be considered for (max 1).**

**Applications should be submitted to [england.diabetescn@nhs.net](mailto:england.diabetescn@nhs.net) by 5.00pm on Wednesday 30 May.** Short-listed applicants will be invited for interview, which will take place on **Friday 8 June**. There will be training and planning at a joint session on **Tuesday 3 July** (1pm-5pm). For further information, do contact Gemma Snell ([gemma.snell@nhs.net](mailto:gemma.snell@nhs.net) or 07900712992) or Paul Trevatt ([paul.trevatt@nhs.net](mailto:paul.trevatt@nhs.net) or 07876855537).

Yours sincerely,



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