Providing clinicians with a package of support to enable them to drive change across the NHS and improve care for people living with diabetes.

In collaboration with Diabetes UK CARE. CONNECT. CAMPAIGN.
In the UK, there is a diabetes crisis with a huge variation in patient care, treatments and health outcomes. The Diabetes UK Clinical Champions programme aims to address this variation by providing clinicians with the skills and knowledge to influence change across the NHS.

The current Clinical Champion network spans all four nations and is a multidisciplinary cohort made up of specialist nurses, consultants, GPs, podiatrists and dietitians.

To find out more about the current Clinical Champions visit www.diabetes.org.uk/clinical-champions-networks

What are the benefits of being a Diabetes UK Clinical Champion?

Clinical Champions are in post for two years during which time they receive a tailored package of support from Diabetes UK, Novo Nordisk and Ashridge Business School to enable them to lead change and to influence decision makers and colleagues. Benefits of being a Champion include:

• **Bespoke training** providing leadership development designed and delivered by the world renowned Ashridge Business School

• **Membership of the Diabetes UK Local Clinical Champion peer support network**

• **Support from Diabetes UK** to tackle local system threats to diabetes care

• **Access to national guidance, resources and expertise**

• **Recognition nationally and locally** as a diabetes representative and champion.

• **Practical support** to enable the establishment of local improvement networks

The existing Clinical Champions are having an impact across a broad range of areas. Recent achievements have included improving access to new therapies; challenging cuts to pump funding; new guidelines to reduce hypos in older patients; and increasing specialist in-reach to inpatient care.

Diabetes UK Clinical Champions are recruited on an annual basis with applications opening each spring. The position is advertised on the Diabetes UK website and also in the Diabetes UK healthcare professional e-newsletter. Applicants are asked to complete an application form detailing their experience and ambitions for their two years in post. All shortlisted candidates will then be asked to interview. Clinical Champions are not remunerated for this role.

“...The support I have had from Diabetes UK as a Clinical Champion has had an enormous impact on me personally and given me more confidence to speak out.”

Dr Vinesh Sobha, GP with a specialist interest in diabetes

Further information

For further information on the application process please email clinicalchampions@diabetes.org.uk or call 0345 123 2399*
Having the backing of Diabetes UK opens doors and makes the organisation listen.

Debora Brown, Diabetes Specialist Nurse, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

Too often you feel within the workplace you are a lone voice, this programme gives us the opportunity to share and learn from others.

Scott Cawley, Professional Lead Podiatrist for Diabetic Foot, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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