Do you worry about your diabetes?

Do you ever feel down and feel this affects your diabetes?

Would you like to learn some skills and techniques to help manage your mood and your diabetes?

Living with diabetes

Living with diabetes is a life-long journey. Even if you have had diabetes a long time, you will still experience ups and downs. Life stresses, additional health issues and other things can affect your diabetes. Around 41% of people with diabetes have poor psychological wellbeing. Feeling emotionally unwell can increase the risk of diabetic health complications.

Talking helps: Research shows that psychological therapy improves blood glucose levels and has a positive effect on diabetes.
How the Diabetes Wellbeing Course can help you:

This course can help if you are:

• Finding it difficult to make the changes in your life that are necessary when you have diabetes, such as changes to your diet and exercise routine.
• Finding it hard to accept and adjust to diabetes.
• Looking to meet others with similar struggles to your own.

The course offers you:

• A space to explore how living with diabetes affects you, and how your mood affects your diabetes.
• Ways to learn how your feelings, thoughts and behaviour can influence diabetes management.
• Skills to manage common struggles like worrying about high blood sugars or over eating.
• An increased sense of control over your mood, your daily life and the choices you make helping you to cope better with the long-term management of your physical health.
The Diabetes Wellbeing Course lasts five weeks and covers a different topic each week:

**Week one:** An introduction to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and how this approach can help you manage your diabetes

**Week two:** How what we do affects diabetes

**Week three:** Stress, worry and diabetes

**Week four:** Unhelpful thinking and diabetes

**Week five:** Sleep, healthy living and moving forward

Speak to your GP or diabetes health professional to be referred to Hillingdon Talking Therapies Service.
Group sessions
This group runs on Tuesdays, 10am -11.30am at:
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