

DIABETES EDUCATION COURSES AND EVENTS FOR GP PRACTICES IN SOMERSET

The Diabetes Education Needs Analysis early in 2010 highlighted the areas in which there is a lack of confidence in current knowledge and where further education was needed.

A programme of educational courses/events has been developed to meet the identified need supporting practices to achieve as a minimum high quality diabetes care at level 1 and providing opportunities for practices to progress to an enhanced level of care at level 2.

The following education courses/events were held in the Autumn of 2010 and have been planned for 2011:

2010 courses

- Foundation Course for Health Care Assistants (1 day course) 9/12/10
- Foundation Programme for Practice Nurses (3 day course), 2/11/10, 9/11/10 & 29/3/11
- MERIT courses for practice staff signed up for the Insulin Initiation LES (3 days)
- Somerset Diabetes Study Day 1/12/10

2011 courses

- Foundation Course for Health Care Assistants (1 day course) – 3rd October 2011.
- Repeat of Foundation Level Programme (3 days) – planned for Spring 2012.
- Intermediate level programme (same course over 5 afternoons, each in a different locality) - w/c 4/7 and 24/10 – This will replace Special Interest Discussion Groups – same topics in each week and all delivered at the same time of day
- Diploma level programme (4 day course) – 28/3, 5/7, 11/10 & 12/10 (participants need to have completed Foundation Level)
- MERIT courses for practice staff signed up for the Insulin Initiation LES 13th, 22nd and 27th September 2011. This course will be offered as 3 individual modules which may be taken at any time but all 3 will be required to qualify for LES payments.
- Somerset Diabetes Study Day 2011 – (Autumn date tba)

A mentoring programme for practices is being delivered to 9 practices by Siobahn Killeen, an independent diabetes nurse specialist courtesy of Takeda.

An Enhanced Management Tool is being offered to all practices and will be delivered to Federations groups over the latter half of 2011. This is being provided in conjunction with Lilly, following a successful pilot at Springmead Surgery.

The above courses and events to support diabetes care are being organised by the Clinical Commissioning Team in partnership with the Somerset GP Education Trust, with support from Somerset Community Health Specialist Nursing and Dietetics Team, Taunton and Somerset and Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Diabetologists and pharmaceutical companies.

Further details will be posted on the WyvernHealth.Com website, and will be communicated by the organisers of the specific courses/events (eg Somerset GP Education Trust).

In the meantime if you have any queries on the diabetes courses available to practices please contact Wenda Hobbs at Wenda@whibbery.co.uk.

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