

Dear Colleagues

re: Diabetes and Liaison Psychiatry Working Group

The rising tide of obesity and diabetes, the complexity of cases we are seeing in the liaison and primary care setting, and increasing acknowledgement that there are interactions between mind and body in diabetes means it's time for a diabetes and psychiatry working group!

The Liaison Faculty Executive is formally supporting setting up a working group in Diabetes Liaison Psychiatry (DLP). The aims of this group are to:

1. Build a critical mass of liaison psychiatry experts in diabetes
2. Synthesize the evidence base for different models of integrated care for diabetes
3. Generate consensus on key performance indicators of liaison psychiatry in diabetes
4. Network with Diabetes UK/ABCD/RCPs (London & Edinburgh), NHSE, NHSScotland
5. Developing proforma for business cases for commissioning liaison mental health models into diabetes pathways
6. Develop training and educational programmes for diabetes professionals
7. Identify and promote key areas and gaps in diabetes and mental health research
8. Foster interest and mentor medical students and trainee doctors

We plan to hold our inaugural meeting at the Liaison Faculty conference on:

Thursday 17.05.18 12:30 – 1 pm

This is during the lunchbreak. There will be time to get your lunch and bring it to the meeting. As you can see from the [conference programme](#), Dr Partha Kar, NHSE Associate Director for Diabetes will be presenting early in the morning and taking questions and answers during his talk.

Please email Stephanie.Whitehead@rcpsych.ac.uk if you are interested and please forward to colleagues who are or want to work in this field.

Do contact Professor Khalida Ismail or Dr Luke Solomon if you want to have an informal chat.

Otherwise in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you in Liverpool with your 'diabetes hats'.

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