Bolder Healthier Champions Webinar Series: Diabetes: Youth Champions

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In this webinar...

- What is diabetes?
- How big is the problem?
- How can we help?





What is Diabetes?

- Uncontrolled high blood glucose (sugar)
- 'Type 1' 'Type 2'
- Treatments: lifestyle changes, medications or insulin injections
- Can cause problems with kidneys and eyesight, and can even lead to limb loss, heart attacks and stroke.











Two Types

Type 1 Diabetes

- Body stops producing insulin
- Genetic/ Autoimmune
- Not currently preventable.

Type 2

- Body doesn't produce enough insulin
- Linked to Obesity
- Preventable
- 'Pre-diabetes'

Supporting Individuals

 Supporting individuals & Promoting Healthier Lifestyles.





Symptoms

- Increased thirst and hunger
- Fatigue
- Needing to go to the toilet more
- Slow healing
- Unexplained weight loss
- Depends on the person!





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Health**matters**



1 in 10 will have Diabetes by 2034

Birmingham CCGs: Almost 50% higher than average



Problems Caused By Diabetes





Risk Factors

- Overweight or obese, BMI >25
- Large waist circumference
- Family History
- Age
- Deprivation
- Ethnicity- Higher rates in some BME groups.





Ethnicity and Type 2 diabetes risk





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Preventing Type 2 Diabetes: Three Goals







Community-wide intervention plus targeted interventions

Community

- Healthy food options
- Calorie Awareness
- Healthy eating information
- Access to sport
- Greener Spaces
- Cycle to work
- Health Checks

Targeted

- GP Health Checks
- Screening (Hospitals, Midwives etc)
- NHS Diabetes Prevention
 - Programme



Pre-Diabetes

- Higher than normal blood sugars
- Not 'full diabetes'
- Symptomless

Pre-diabetes: a chance to 'turn things around'





So how can I help?

- Informing about diabetes
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Helping communities to access help





Support and Information

- Diabetes UK
- Diabetes Consultants and Specialist nurses.
- NHS Choices Website.
- GPs
- Health matters: preventing Type 2 Diabetes GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)







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