

Project updates

Our study reviewing the evidence about what helps to improve diabetes outcomes in people with Severe Mental Illness

(SMI) is nearing completion. We identified and reviewed over 50 published studies. The findings will be reported in the New Year, and will help to inform the development of an intervention to improve diabetes care for people with SMI.

We have started our investigation of routinely collected patient-level data comparing diabetes care and outcomes for people with and without SMI. Our dataset of 300,000 patients attending GP practices in England contains over 1000 patients with co-existing diabetes and SMI. We are also awaiting a larger dataset of patients with SMI from ResearchOne, following our successful application to their Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network funded project. This study will start to identify which patients with SMI are at greatest risk of developing diabetes and associated complications, and why.

Diabetes and Mental Illness:

Improving Outcomes and Services

DIAMONDS is a programme of research that will increase understanding about severe mental illness (SMI) and diabetes, with an aim to improve health services and outcomes for this patient group.

Welcomes

Over the summer we welcomed new members to our research group, including Rob Smith, Stephanie Prady and Anne Phillips at the University of York, John Baker at the University of Leeds, and Brendon Stubbs from CLAHRC South London. Find out more about the DIAMONDS team at www.diamonds.nihr.ac.uk/meet-the-team

New PPI panel members needed

We are looking for people with both diabetes and a mental illness like schizophrenia, bipolar or severe depression to join our PPI panel. The panel meets 3 times a year in the Bradford area to help prioritise areas for research and provide input on our work. Please contact us for more details.



Can you help with our new project?

In 2016, we will run 3 half-day workshops in York to develop a core set of outcomes to measure in trials for people with co-existing diabetes and SMI. We will also identify diabetes education programmes we can adapt for this patient group.

We are looking for service users, carers, and health and social care professionals working in diabetes or mental health to help us. Workshops are in April, July and October 2016. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Jo Taylor at jo.taylor@york.ac.uk or on 01904 321679.

A final dissemination event will take place in December 2016, which all our stakeholders are invited to attend. More details about this will follow in the New Year.

For more information

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