

## Diabetes UK project starts

Our new study funded by Diabetes UK started on 1<sup>st</sup> November. This study will explore the psychological and social impact of having diabetes alongside SMI, and the experience of diabetes healthcare.

We will carry out a survey with adults living with SMI and diabetes, their carers, and healthcare staff supporting these patients. The survey will use materials and data from an international survey called DAWN2 (<http://www.dawnstudy.com/dawn2/about-dawn2.html>) so that we can compare findings for people with SMI with those from the general population of people with diabetes.

To read more about the study visit our project page at <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/Our-research-projects/Northern-and-Yorkshire/Improving-support-for-people-with-mental-illness--diabetes/>



### Diabetes and Mental Illness:

#### Improving Outcomes and Services

This research will increase knowledge about severe mental illness (SMI) and diabetes, with an aim to improve health services and outcomes.

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## Conference presentations

Rob Smith presented findings on the analysis of primary care records at the Society for Academic Primary Care conference in July. The presentation looked at how well diabetes is controlled in patients with SMI compared to patients without.

Jo Taylor presented findings of a systematic review at the Society for Social Medicine conference in September. The review examined the effectiveness of interventions to improve glycaemic control in adults with SMI.

## Programme development grant update

The programme development grant project is still underway. This includes a core outcome set study for use in trials of people with SMI and diabetes.

See <http://www.comet-initiative.org/studies/details/911> for more details.

### For more about DIAMONDS

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## New members for PPI panel needed

We are looking for service users and carers to join our PPI panel. The panel helps to prioritise areas for research and provides input on our work.

Service users must have severe mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia, bipolar disorder) AND a chronic physical health condition like diabetes or COPD.

We would also like carers of people living with these conditions to join the panel.

The panel meets four times a year in the Bradford / Leeds area. Some members who don't attend provide input by phone and email instead.

Members of our panel recently provided input for an article written by David Shiers and Jo Taylor, who are part of the DIAMONDS research group.

The article was published in a special edition of the Journal of Diabetes Nursing:

<http://www.diabetesonthenet.com/journal-content/view/dont-just-screen-intervene-protecting-the-cardiometabolic-health-of-people-with-severe-mental-illness>