

DRSG Expert by Experience Role Description

About Diabetes UK

As the UK's leading charity for people living with diabetes, we strive to achieve a world where diabetes can do no harm. We're here to improve the lives of people living with and at risk of diabetes and seek to cure or prevent diabetes. One way in which Diabetes UK strives to achieve this goal is through the funding of high-quality of research, with the priorities of people living with diabetes at the heart of everything we do.

About the Diabetes Research Steering Groups

The Diabetes Research Steering Groups (DRSGs) are made up of researchers, healthcare professionals and people affected by diabetes. There are seven DRSGs, each focussing on a specific area of diabetes research. Together, members work collaboratively to identify priority areas of unmet clinical or research need and stimulate research in those areas to make the greatest possible difference to the lives of people affected by diabetes.

Duties

Research Members of the Diabetes Research Steering Groups will:

- Support work to identify research gaps and priorities, both within the group and in collaboration with external stakeholders.
- Support and facilitate the development of DRSG outputs with healthcare professionals and experts by experience (research studies, strategic funding calls and workshops) in priority areas identified.
- Provide expert advice to DRSG members/wider diabetes community.
- Promote good research practice, including proper, representative involvement of people living with diabetes at all stages of the research cycle
- Ensure that experts by experience in the group are included in all discussions, and provide additional explanations whenever requested.

Qualities

Research Members of the DRSGs should:

- Have a track record of participation in an area of research relevant to the remit of the DRSG they are applying to
- Have experience of working collaboratively with other researchers
- Have good links with external diabetes research networks

- Have experience in creating and reviewing research study protocols in their field, and to comment on study feasibility and relevance to the UK-wide research agenda
- Have respect for opinions that differ or conflict with your personal viewpoint
- Show enthusiasm and commitment to translating research into benefit for all people affected by diabetes, and a record of using patient and public involvement to inform and develop their research
- Have a commitment to confidentiality and a willingness to declare any conflicts of interest

Meetings

Each DRSG will hold 4 meetings a year, at least one of which will be a face-to-face meeting. There will also be opportunities to be involved in subgroup meetings, to progress specific research priorities.

Remuneration

Members will undertake the role on a voluntary basis. Diabetes UK will pay reasonable travel, overnight and subsistence expenses where appropriate, in line with the Diabetes UK volunteer expenses policy.

Declaration of interests

Members will be required to declare, on the declaration of interests register, if they have any interests that might conflict with the work of the DRSG. A conflict of interest will not necessarily stop individuals from being a member of a group; however, it may mean that they cannot take part in some discussions or decisions made on projects/ issues.

Selection process

Applicants will be appointed through an open process of recruitment. Applications, in the form of an application form and CV, should be submitted to the Diabetes UK Research Team at DRSGs@diabetes.org.uk by 23rd of October. The supporting statement should specifically address the desired qualities outlined above.