

# DRSG Healthcare Professional 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

Healthcare Professional Members of the DRSGs will:

- Apply knowledge and understanding of clinical relevance to identify priority areas of research.
- Work collaboratively with researchers and experts by experience to develop DRSG outputs (research studies, strategic funding calls and workshops) in priority areas identified.
- Help to comment on study feasibility and help to tailor research to ensure its translation into healthcare delivery.
- Show commitment to translating research into benefit for all people affected by diabetes, using patient and public involvement to inform and develop research.

## Qualities

Healthcare Professional Members of the DRSGs should:

- Have experience in a patient facing role in the field of diabetes.
- Have the ability to recognise and encourage diversity of input.
- Have knowledge and understanding of the issues important to both diabetes and wider networks and groups.
- Have an interest to keeping up to date with current diabetes research issues.
- Be prepared to maintain 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](mailto:DRSGs@diabetes.org.uk) by 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. The supporting statement should specifically address the desired qualities outlined above.