

Type 1 Diabetes Lay Research Advisory Panel 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.

About the role

The Type 1 Diabetes Research Advisory Panel will improve lives of people affected by type 1 diabetes by making sure research into type 1 treatments get to the people who need them as fast as possible.

We need you!

You can help us better understand how to steer our work to best meet your needs, and those of everyone affected by type 1 diabetes. The Panel will do this by:

- Advising on our communications about research, ensuring we are meeting the needs of the type 1 community and the wider population
- Supporting the charity to get the benefits of research to the people that need them as fast as possible
- Supporting researchers funded through the [Type 1 Diabetes Grand Challenges](#)

About you

We are looking for people who have:

- Lived experience of type 1 diabetes
- Willingness to listen to others opinions and to encourage others to share their views
- Interest in keeping up to date with diabetes research (no previous knowledge or experience of research is necessary)
- A willingness to maintain confidentiality and to declare any conflicts of interest

What will the Panel do?

Some of the activities you can be involved in will include:

- Online focus groups and workshops
- Reviewing printed and digital information
- Completing surveys
- Giving honest opinions

We are very keen to hear from Black and South Asian communities, and people who receive means tested benefits or earn less than the living wage (£10.90 an hour or £11.95 in London). We want to understand how to meet your needs better.

Diversity of the Panel

It is important that the Panel represents the diversity of people living with type 1 diabetes. Members of the group will be recruited to ensure representation of:

- People of all ages, including young people aged 18-35
- People from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups
- People from different social economic backgrounds
- People from all four nations in the UK

Meetings

There will be 4 meetings a year. There will be a mixture of face to face and virtual meetings. Diabetes UK will work flexibly with members to make sure everyone can fully participate in all types of meetings.

What Diabetes UK can offer you

Through your Panel membership, we can offer you:

- A full induction and additional support, as required
- An opportunity to develop your knowledge of diabetes, learn new skills and contribute to important strategic work
- An opportunity to be involved in other research and non-research activities
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred while carrying out activities for Diabetes UK, for example travel costs, lunch and accommodation if required

Safer recruitment

We are committed to ensuring that our volunteer recruitment is fair, safe and consistent. The recruitment and selection process must be appropriate to the nature of the role. Some roles may require a more in-depth selection process, for example those working with children or vulnerable adults. Your volunteering contact will be able to explain more about this.

This role will require references. These will be checked as a safeguarding measure if shortlisted. Please contact the Diabetes UK Research Team (research@diabetes.org.uk) if you require assistance when choosing your referees.

Declarations of interest

Members will need to declare any interests that might conflict with the work of the Panel in the conflicts of interest register. A conflict of interest will not necessarily stop individuals from being a member of the group. However, it may mean they cannot take part in some discussions or decisions made on particular projects or issues.

How to apply and next steps

If you are shortlisted, you will be invited for an informal chat ask any questions you may have.