



**Wolverhampton  
Diabetes Care**

# What Care to Expect

## Wolverhampton Local Diabetes Services Advisory Group.

The WLDSAG is a representative body of all parties with an interest in the effective delivery of diabetes care in Wolverhampton. It works closely with NHS organizations but is independent of them and has an important and independent advisory, scrutiny and watchdog role.

This is an advisory and consultation group representing all other key groups that are interested in diabetes across Wolverhampton. The Group works with the NHS, especially the Diabetes national service framework local implementation team, to discuss and advise on diabetes services in Wolverhampton, including preparation of local protocols and guidelines. A regular stock take and review of diabetic services is undertaken to enable the provision of efficient and effective service delivery. The Group plays a very important scrutiny and watchdog role to keep an eye on how things are going and tries hard to ensure that the patient's voice is heard.

### **Its terms of reference are:**

- To be an advisory and consultation group representing all key stakeholders.
- Working with Wolverhampton Health Authority and Wolverhampton Borough Council advising on diabetes services and discussing the prioritisation of health services in Wolverhampton, including the preparation of local protocols and guidelines.
- Advising on the development of the service specification required to meet the needs of local people with diabetes which takes account of the views of service users. Ensuring a regular stock take and review of diabetic services is undertaken to enable the provision of efficient and effective service delivery.
- Helping develop a local strategy for diabetes care and prevention in Wolverhampton which will take into account the needs of local people with diabetes, setting specific objectives and targets to improve the health of people with diabetes.
- General advice on a healthy lifestyle, including exercise and diet, to help manage diabetes and reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors.
- The annual health review of people with diabetes to detect and reverse risk factors and treats complications at an early stage.
- The provision and maintenance of an effective screening service to detect diabetic retinopathy.
- The availability of an effective foot care service to treat foot problems associated with neuropathy and ischaemia at an early stage, before the development of ulceration and infection.
- Service provision for children with diabetes and support for parents and carers: to include a specialist paediatric diabetes care team.
- The care of elderly people with diabetes including those in residential accommodation.
- The training of lay members of the WLDS AG
- The provision of adequate numbers of clinics for people with diabetes in hospital and primary care which are sited, timed and associated with good support services to meet the local needs.
- Good accessibility to allied specialists and services.
- Ensuring service users are fully informed and involved in local decision making.
- Ensuring Wolverhampton Health Authority have the necessary diabetes care services information to be able to effectively implement National Service Framework guidelines and expectations.