

East Staffordshire and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network

Who are we?

We are a local support group for people living with diabetes, their families, partners, carers, and anybody interested in diabetes.

In December 2019, we had a relaunch and became known as the East Staffordshire and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network. This was to remove "geographical boundaries" and make the network available to anyone who wished to join the network.

Since that time, we have increased our work with Diabetes UK, GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists, other Health partners, the UHDB Trust and Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board. This has assisted in providing a structured Diabetes Patient Network of care for people with diabetes and those family members, friends, and carers who offer their support.

Wider aspects

We also have representation in the East Staffordshire District Patient Engagement Group and many other community-based organisations. In May 2022, the network became a member of Support Staffordshire which assists in reaching out to all communities. The current Chair also sits on various Health organisations to ensure diabetes care is high on the agenda. Having this presence helps the network to achieve its overall aim which is:

"To enable people to have a voice in their diabetes care"

In 2025, our face-to-face meetings will be as follows:

St Editha's, 29 Church Street, Tamworth.

The meetings are bi-monthly on Wednesday morning, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The dates are:-

- 04 June
- 06 August
- 08 October
- 10 December

The HUB St Mary's Market Place Lichfield.

The meetings are bi-monthly on Wednesday afternoon, between 2pm and 4pm. The dates are:-

- 04 June
- 06 August
- 08 October
- 10 December.

MHA Burntwood

The meetings are bi-monthly on Thursday morning, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The dates are:-

- 07 August
- 09 October
- 11 December.

Waitrose Community Room, Waitrose, Uttoxeter

The meetings are bi-monthly on a Thursday afternoon, between 2pm and 4pm. The dates are:-

- 07 August
- 09 October
- 11 December.

Burton Library, Burton

The meetings are bi-monthly on Tuesday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm. The dates are:-

- 03 June
- 05 August
- 07 October
- 09 December

Virtual meetings are also held, via Zoom, and these are on the following Thursday evenings between 7pm and 8.30pm

- 22 May
- 26 June
- 14 August
- 18 September
- 06 November
- 04 December

Pre-Registration to the virtual meetings, via Zoom, will be required.

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