

# Pilot Formal Social Diabetes Education Day

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## What we did ...

A multidisciplinary diabetes education day was held at The Royal Free Hospital Childrens' School.





## Why we did it ...

- National desire by patients, families & practitioners for self-directed management.
- DQuINS report
- Between 8-12 years children progress from primary to secondary school where they undergo significant changes.
- Royal Free Hospital cares for 58 children with diabetes.



## How we did it?

During one half term, the target group was invited to the hospital to have first-hand experience of the following activities:



Easy Diabetes Communication

- An introductory talk from Diabetes
   UK
- Identifying food groups into high and low Carbs
- Interpreting food labels
- Carb counting calculations using Apps such as Carbs and Cals
- An explanation of the benefits of using Diasend products for remote monitoring of blood sugar levels



## Why use the hospital school?



Better climate for learning

- Opportunity to develop shared teaching strategies that young people will respond to most effectively
- Sustainable approach leading to other collaborations
- Promotes ward ethos, teamwork and a multidisciplinary approach to problem solving

Diabetes Education Day



You have 10 pictures of different foods on your table. In your group decide:

- The one food you would definitely remove from your diet
- The one food you would definitely keep

Be ready to feed back to the group after 5min





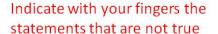
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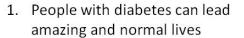




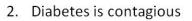


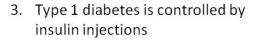


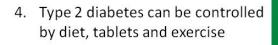






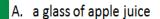


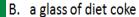












C. a glass of water

D. a glass of regular or normal coke

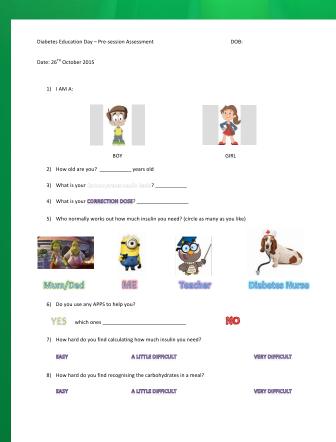


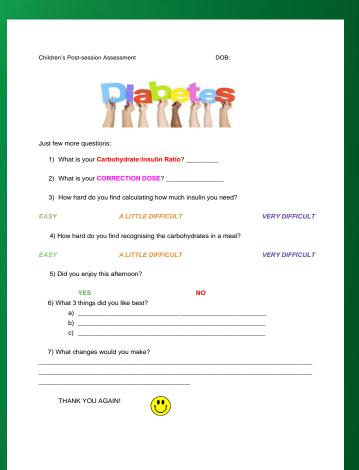




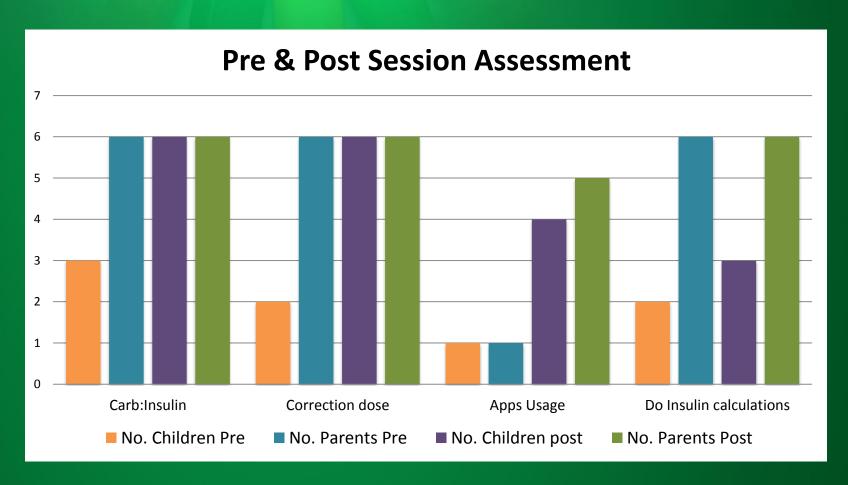


## Pre & Post Feedback Forms





## What did we learn?





## **FEEDBACK**

**Post Session** 

Parents & Children

92% ENJOYMENT

100% MORE SESSIONS



## Children

100% felt more confident with insulin calculation



Almost all children felt that carbohydrate counting was easier.



# Changes for the next session ...

- Parallel sessions for parents and children.
- Differentiate age appropriately children in year 5 & 6.
- Continued focus on child centered learning



## The Future ...

- Making an accessible and friendly local network
  - More social education events
  - Parallel sessions for parents and children
  - Website with videos and other resources
- Development of diabetes educators
- Outreach work for local schools to promote awareness and plug gaps that arise due to children missing education
- Better awareness of resources, for example, organisations such as Diasend, Diabetes UK, apps Carbs & Cals



# Thank you, Questions?