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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Trust champions patients with diabetes to improve their care**

A group of diabetes champions have been enrolled from medical staff at The Dudley Group of Hospitals to help improve the care of patients with diabetes during their stay in hospital.

The 22 champions are supporting the specialist diabetes team to improve identification of patients who have diabetes as soon as they are admitted to hospital, teach staff how to use diabetes monitoring tools, and help patients manage their blood sugar levels.

“We know that patients who have diabetes will spend more time in hospital than patients without diabetes,” said Dr Siddique, Consultant, Diabetes and Endocrinology.

“Greater awareness among our staff and our new way of working has already improved the care patients with diabetes receive. They are seen more regularly by specialists, stay in hospital for less time and have better control over their diabetes following discharge.”

The specially trained champions have been recruited from almost every inpatient area at Russells Hall Hospital because of their particular interest in diabetes.

“We are committed to providing consistent and proactive care for our patients with diabetes and the new champions will be essential to help us in our work,” added Dr Siddique.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

Pictured are: Dr Siddique (front right) and with diabetes nurses Ann Stroyde (front left) and Kate Crowley (front centre) with the Trust’s first diabetes champions

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