**Diabetes Foot Assessment Training**

After the success of last year's training, we have been able to set 3 more dates for training, to be held on:
- 8th September 9.30 – 11am
- 14th September 2 – 3.30pm
- 9th November 2 – 3.30pm.

To apply for a place on the course, please complete the attached form, or the form on the website at: [www.diabetes-resources.org.uk](http://www.diabetes-resources.org.uk)

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**Clinical Waste / Sharps Bins**

City and Hackney PCT contract Cliniserve to pick-up and replace sharps bins in the community. All patients using insulin should have a sharps bin. Patients with sharps bins should be referred to Cliniserve by fax. The fax should include the following information:
- Be on headed paper showing the patient is in City and Hackney
- Have patients' name, address, telephone, language spoken
- Have a contact name and address for the referrer.

Cliniserve prefer to have their referrals by fax. Their fax number is: 01243 784433

1L sharps bins are available on prescription, and should be prescribed for the first time they are needed. After this, sharps bins are replaced by cliniserve.

Needle clippers are also available on prescription. These are good for travelling and people who do not want to carry the whole sharps bin around with them.

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**Insulin News**

The newly launched rapid acting insulin, Apidra, is now available in disposable optiset pens. It was only available in cartridges for use with Autopen 24 previously.

Lilly are now supplying Humalog Mix 50 in cartridges, previously only available in a disposable pen. The cartridges are compatible with the Humapen Luxura or Ergo.

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**Primary Care Diabetes Course**

This course will run for 5 consecutive Tuesday afternoons, on:
- November 7th
- November 14th
- November 21st
- November 28th
- December 4th 2006.

This course is recommended for people who have not previously done a course in diabetes, and will be taking part in diabetes clinics. Please apply by completing the application form on the website: [www.diabetes-resources.org.uk](http://www.diabetes-resources.org.uk)

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**Insulin Course**

The next insulin course will take place on 31st October. The course is aimed at practices wishing to enhance their diabetes care in practice by increasing their skills in dealing with patients on insulin and initiating insulin in primary care. We recommend two clinical staff attend from each surgery if possible.

To book your place, please complete the attached form, or use the form on the website: [www.diabetes-resources.org.uk](http://www.diabetes-resources.org.uk)

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**www.diabetes.nhs.uk**

The national Diabetes Support Team have a website with useful information and examples of good practice. The “Coping with Diabetes” project has been selected to be an info-point. Please do have a look at [http://www.diabetes.nhs.uk/infopoints/minority_groups.asp](http://www.diabetes.nhs.uk/infopoints/minority_groups.asp)