The Arun Baksi Award Goes To Hackney Diabetes Centre

The Arun Baksi Award is open to all health professionals working within the diabetes team and entries need to demonstrate some form of innovation in practice.

On 13th and 14th October, Anna-Marie Jesson and Evrim Sanal attended the Isle of Wight Conference, and were pleased to announced the winners of the 2005 Arun Baksi Award, on behalf of the “Coping with Diabetes” Project. The judges were particularly impressed with the many aspects of the project, including the regular newsletter, CDs developed in Turkish and web-site, as well as the many group educations in many languages and in such diverse locations. The submission for the Award will appear in “Practical Diabetes International” soon.

The project is unique to City and Hackney and we are keen that as many people with diabetes and at risk of diabetes, but those particularly in ethnic groups and hard to reach populations, are given the opportunity to engage in the project. We are still setting up groups in surgeries and community centres as well as the Matthews Duncan room at the Homerton Hospital (where space in limited in surgeries. The project has not yet secured funding after March 2006, so please contact us as soon as possible if you would like group education at your surgery. Also if you have patients with diabetes whose first language is not English please refer them to us and we will organise education sessions at the Homerton Hospital or other suitable venue.

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Insulin Course
The insulin course application forms have now been distributed to all practices for the 21st February course. If you Can’t make this date, the next course is provisionally booked for 23rd May 2006

Diabetes Foot Assessment Training
After the success of last years training, we are again running the 2 hour course covering all aspects of Diabetes Foot Screening, to prepare clinicians to carry out foot screening at part of the Diabetes Annual Review. Suitable for GPs, Practice Nurses, District Nurses and Health Care Assistants.

Dates Available:
12th January 2006 1.30pm - 3.30pm
3rd February 2006 10 am - 12pm
9th February 2006 1.30pm - 3.30pm

All Courses will be held in the Matthews Duncan Seminar Room, Homerton Hospital. (Next to The Diabetes Centre). Applications have been sent out, so please return these as soon as possible to secure your place