**Update on Courses**

Dates are currently being finalised for the next Insulin course, primary care course and foot assessment training courses. Keep an eye on our web-site for dates.

[www.diabetes-resources.org.uk](http://www.diabetes-resources.org.uk)

Dates and times are also being discussed for District nurse training, and these will be available soon.

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**Insulin Pens Update**

As from 1st June 2006, the Autopen Junior and Autopen Special Edition will no longer be available. This is due to lack of demand for these products. The Autopen 24 and Autopen Classic pens will still be available.

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**eGFR**

I’m sure will be aware of the new guidelines for using eGFR for predicting Renal Disease in people with diabetes. If you want to grade patients renal function using their creatinine measurement, this can be done at the Renal Association website: [http://www.renal.org/eGFR/](http://www.renal.org/eGFR/)

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**New Resources in Turkish**

Following the success of the Turkish audio CD we produced last year, we have now produced two further resources in Turkish:

- "Sweet Talk" - a DVD in Turkish containing 6 chapters all about diabetes
- "My Diabetes" patient held records – now available in Turkish. Please contact Lucinda or Lisa at the Diabetes Centre on 020 8510 5920 if you would like to order copies of these.

Sample copies are being sent out to all surgeries ASAP.

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**Retinal Screening**

More Good News! The new Retinal Screening service is now up and Running. Some People will still attend the Diabetes centre for screening, but most people will now attend the new screening centre, situated in X-ray 2. All referrals sent to us are now being seen, so please try not to re-refer patients unless you have received a DNA letter from the retinal screening service.

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**Structured Group Education**

Groups have now Started for both DESMOND and X-Pert type 2 group Education. If anyone Would like to come and observe these groups, please contact Anna-Marie Jesson or Ann Chambers at the Diabetes Centre on 020 8510 5920.

Pergul, our Diabetes Lay educator is also continuing with group sessions in English and Turkish in Surgeries and community centres. If you would like to have a session in your surgery, please contact [Pergul](tel:02085107182) on 020 8510 7182.

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**Structured Education for People whose First Language is not English**

We are working closely with Tower Hamlets PCT to deliver the X-Pert course in several community languages. In Hackney we are planning to run courses in Turkish, Hindi and Urdu, and Tower Hamlets are running courses in Bengali. Please refer any patients appropriate for these groups using the referral form at: [http://www.homerton.nhs.uk/clinical/1132157348.html](http://www.homerton.nhs.uk/clinical/1132157348.html) (click on Lay educator referral form); or sending their usual details: to Pergul Kurt or Anna-Marie Jesson at the Diabetes Centre by Fax: 020 8510 5015.