

## **ABOUT YDF**

### 1.1

This forum, named the Young Diabetologists Forum was formed in 2002 under the auspices of the Specialist Section Committee of Diabetes UK.

### 1.2

Following the introduction of a new governance structure at Diabetes UK in 2003 the forum now exists under the auspices of the Professional Support and Development (PSD) working group of the Professional Advisory Council (PAC), Diabetes UK.

### 1.3

The constitution and any future changes shall be subject to the approval of the Professional Advisory Council – PSD working group

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### 2.1

The forum will seek to represent and support the interests of junior doctors who are involved in any aspect of diabetes care or research.

### 2.2

In particular, the forum will have three key objectives:

#### 2.2.1

Representation: within Diabetes UK via the elected member (usually the chairperson YDF committee) and on national committees by nomination from within the forum.

#### 2.2.2

Education and Training: which might not be available elsewhere. This could cover clinical, research, managerial and other relevant topics both to promote learning as well as the development of skills. A range of teaching and learning approaches would be employed. Information about relevant courses would also be disseminated.

### 2.2.3

Social and Networking: the development of contacts across the country to share information and experience will be promoted.

## ACTIVITIES

### 3.1

The prime activity of the forum will centre, initially, on its annual meeting which will be held within or appended to Diabetes UK's annual professional conference.

### 3.2

The annual meeting will aim to address, and be responsive to the needs of all of its members although it is recognised that some activities will be more appropriate to some members than to others.

### 3.3

Other activities of the forum may be added, but will not detract from the annual meeting. These additional activities may be targeted towards particular members of the forum, e.g. new SpRs, those nearing their CCST, those in research posts.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 4.1

Members must be fully paid up professional members of Diabetes UK

### 4.2

Members will normally be medically qualified, have completed general professional training and be involved in any aspect of diabetes care or research. Associate membership may be offered to others (e.g. medical students) at the discretion of the committee.

### 4.3

Members will not have held a consultant or senior lecturer post for more than two years.

## COMMITTEE

### 5.1

The committee will normally have upto 8 members.

### 5.2

New committee members will be sought via an online call for applications. Potential candidates will submit their application to the YDF committee who will be responsible for short listing candidates for interview. Interviews will be conducted by a panel which includes the YDF chair, at least one other YDF committee member and a representative from Diabetes UK. New committee members will have a probation period of 1 year.

5.3

The chairperson of the YDF committee will be elected by committee members from within the YDF committee. The committee will also have a chair elect to work with the chairperson and facilitate transition.

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The chairperson of the committee will be co-opted onto the PSD working group of Diabetes UK PAC.

5.5

The committee (of the forum) will be answerable to the PSD working group via the chairperson of YDF.

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The chairperson post will be rotated on an annual basis.

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Committee members will normally serve for a term of three years and an individual shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. Committee members will conclude their role at the AGM following the YDF annual day. This will normally coincide with the election of a replacement member. To facilitate continuity and wherever possible, no more than three members of the committee will step down at any one time.

5.8

The committee will meet formally on at least two occasions each year and committee members will normally be expected to attend at least one of these.