

Diabetes UK Diverse Communities Officers

Diabetes UK is working towards recruiting Diverse Communities Officers (DCO's) in their commitment to reach out to Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities (BAME) and other hard to reach groups (people with mental health, learning disabilities, Travellers and Gypsies, homeless, refugees and those in residential and institutional care). It has been identified consistently that the best way to work with people from diverse communities is at grass root level to identify need and develop, maintain and evaluate appropriate services to meet those needs.

The four regions where the new DCO's will be allocated are Diabetes UK North West office, South East office, London and West Midlands office.

The main remit of the roles are to build relationships with BAME community organisations and other national/local bodies working to meet the needs of diverse groups and improve our reach into those communities, to raise Diabetes UK profile and messages to these important audiences locally. The DCO's will build relationships and working partnerships with other community link workers, Healthcare Professionals, Social workers, community psychiatrist Nurses, statutory staff etc to:

- understand what their needs are
- what Diabetes UK need to do to help to raise profile of diabetes and Diabetes UK & make our services accessible.

Furthermore the DCO's will be assisting the Equality and Diversity Manager to increase partnership working with voluntary and community organisations to deliver key objectives. Should you have any ongoing work activities that you would like to involve the Diverse Communities Officers, please contact Jenne Dixit in the New Year.

Should you require any further information or have any ongoing work activities that you would like to involve the Diverse Communities Officers in, please contact Jenne Dixit, Equality and Diversity Manager.

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