INVITATION TO JOIN THE RCGP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DIABETIC HEALTHCARE

Is there room for improvement in the diabetic healthcare in some practices in your area? You may be aware of this through the results of the National Diabetes Audit but have not had effective methods and tools to implement improvements. This is your opportunity to join the National Audit to pilot improvements in your area.

The RCGP has been contracted by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to pilot the use of quality improvement methods and tools at practice level in diabetes care.

The clinical leads for this project at the RCGP have been developing a Quality Improvement Framework to be a practical and relevant guide for general practice in quality improvement. It is diagrammatical shown below and will be adapted for use in this project.
What do you need to do?

- Attend a full day on the 30th June 2015 to learn about the project.
- Engage with at least six practices where there is room for improvement.
- Visit the target practices and use the framework to help them to plan and implement improvements.
- Maintain links with the practices to support them with their improvement interventions.
- Accept support and keep in communication with the RCGP clinical leads.
- Feedback on the project

The project will finish in May 2016. There will be a small fund available for practices to cover expenses that are directly related to feedback and evaluation on the project.

Expressions of interest and further information

Expressions of interest should be emailed to Nicola O'Reilly at Nicola.OReilly@rcgp.org.uk
Nicola will also be able to provide you with further information on the project.

You should apply by 29th May and successful applicants will be informed by 5th June.

Who will you be working with?

RCGP Clinical Leads for this project are:

Joanna Bircher MA (Cantab) MB ChB FRCGP PGCertEd (2014-2016)
Dr Joanna Bircher is the clinical support fellow for Quality Improvement, CIRC. Joanna is a GP, trainer and appraiser in Tameside and Glossop. She is also the clinical lead for Quality Improvement at Tameside and Glossop CCG and a Generation Q Fellow of the Health Foundation. She is currently working towards her Masters in Leadership for Quality Improvement at Ashridge Business School. Her particular interest is in making established quality improvement methodology relevant and accessible for primary care.

Bill Taylor MB ChB DCH DRCOG FRCGP (2014-2016)
Dr Bill Taylor is the clinical lead for Quality Improvement, CIRC. He has had an interest in improving quality for many years. He chaired the Quality Practice Award programme for ten years, led on Practice Accreditation in Scotland and more recently has been delivering training to general practice in various quality improvement methods and tools.