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Dear Friend,

The Diabetes Network for Northern Ireland brings together people living with diabetes, carers, and health and social care professionals working in partnership with Diabetes UK.

Together we have achieved a lot. We launched our regional foot care pathway on World Diabetes Day, 4 November 2019 in Ballymena Health and Care Centre. This foot care service provides access to timely specialist care at the right place and time for those that need it.

During Covid, in response to patient concerns and service pressures we developed a regional clinical diabetes helpline to provide additional clinical access to support people living with diabetes including some out of hours cover.

We have listened and improved including virtual consultations to support, printing leaflets and posters to reinforce and sharing lessons across our Trust teams to ensure treatment and care remain the priority by adapting to support you.

Our goal to improve diabetes treatment and care for people across Northern Ireland is significant, and there is more to do.

As we relaunch our work programme we want to hear from you. We have a series of priorities to deliver against. These were publicly consulted on and are outlined in the Diabetes Strategic Framework (November 2016). We are reviewing these again and identifying where to focus efforts, 3 years on.

We want to know what priorities are most pressing based on your experience.

If you are a person living with diabetes or you care for someone with diabetes in NI, please complete our 10 minute online survey by Monday 31 August 2020 and tell us what you think. Please visit our website for survey link.

Feel free to forward this letter on to people living with diabetes or their carers.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your support.

You can continue to follow our work at our website:
<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/diabetes-network/>

Best wishes,



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