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**To: GP Leads in Diabetes, Diabetes Practice Nurses and Practice Managers**

Dear Colleagues

**Re: Community Diabetes Consultant Practice-based Education Visits (clinics) 2019-2020**

As part of the community diabetes service I am still offering diabetes consultant practice-based education visits to all practices. I am available for practice-based visits mainly on Mondays or alternate Fridays. The times of these sessions are flexible and depend on your preferences.

These sessions may vary in duration from one to four hours and may be run in the following ways:

1. **Sessions for the whole practice** – update on local diabetes pathways, local and national guidelines, Swindon diabetes web-site etc.
2. **Virtual clinics** (10 – 15 minute slots) without the patient being present. You are encouraged to use Eclipse to identify suitable patient for virtual clinics.
3. **Joint mentored clinics** - GPs or practice nurses select patients to be seen face to face, think in advance of learning points. GP or practice nurse to lead consultations and receive consultant feedback immediately after the patient has been seen (40 minute slots)
4. **Joint clinic to see complex/unengaged patients** (40 minute slots)
5. **Topic discussions/seminars/workshops/updates in diabetes** – may run for 1 - 2 hours with topics chosen by the practice, depending on what GPs/practice nurses would like to learn.

If you would like to discuss and book a community diabetes consultant visit, please contact Rose Wood, Community Diabetes Team Administrator, via email [rosemary.wood5@nhs.net](mailto:rosemary.wood5@nhs.net) or by telephone on 01793 696621. You can also contact me via email [Vladimir.vaks@nhs.net](mailto:Vladimir.vaks@nhs.net) or by my work mobile 07823 327633.

Once dates are allocated, it would be appreciated if you could avoid cancelling them, particularly at short notice.

With kind regards.

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