

# DAFNE USER ACTION GROUP (DUAG) 4th MEETING – 7 May 2010 IN BIRMINGHAM

## Executive Summary

### Introduction

The aim of the Executive Summary is to provide a synopsis of the meeting for the information of both the wider diabetic community and the DAFNE User Group (DUG). Additionally, it can provide the DUAG Progress Report to the Executive Board, but is not intended to replicate or replace the minutes of the meeting which are available through the normal sources.

### Administrative Matters

10 DUAG members attended and, with the usual clearance of the previous meeting minutes and discussion of follow-up actions, the meeting was advised that yet another member had had to resign from the DUAG for health and family reasons. The meeting, however, was also able to welcome Mr George Bridgeman to his first meeting but the reduced membership was cause for concern and would be addressed later in the meeting. It was also noted that another member had had to step back from active involvement at the current time, although she was encouraged not to resign but to take a sabbatical break.

### Agenda Items

Where required, members gave an update of their activity since the last meeting, highlighting their availability and limited progress over the period in question. The distribution of the Executive Meeting minutes to all DUAG members was again reviewed and it was agreed that the current arrangements with executive summaries were adequate. Attendance and activity at sub groups was noted, along with the reduced availability of members to cover every base at this time. More significantly, the observation was made that some technical/research meetings did not ensure that all representatives were given sufficient clarity of the discussions! The need for greater patient involvement was identified, especially in those areas where removal of DAFNE facilities arose.

The review of DUAG membership was addressed and options to seek greater take-up by DUG members would be explored by the Chair and Central DAFNE. Revised allocation to the various sub groups was also undertaken

The work plans identified at the last meeting were agreed to be too ambitious given the limited resources available, but while they remained valid, they would be used where possible over the next 4 months to direct effort and assist in the formulation of a strategic plan for the ensuing 12 months at the next meeting. However, there was also recognition that a considerable level of work had been achieved since the last meeting in the preparation and development of the delivery to be made at the Collaborative in June 2010.

A full review of the arrangements and presentation to the Collaborative was undertaken and it was found to be very acceptable, with only minor tweaks to the delivery time. The link with interplay to the dafneonline presenter was seen as well placed. Tabletop and external table displays were considered and agreed, with recognition for the amount of time available to finalise arrangements.

### **Other Business**

The National Director updated the meeting on several topics under discussion and the development - including reprint - of the Carbohydrate Portion Booklet, poor DUG sign-up from recent courses, interfacing with dafneonline and DUAG and the interest shown by both Professor Simon Heller and the President of Diabetes UK, Richard Lane, in attending a future DUAG meeting.

### **The Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Birmingham on Friday 17 September 2010.