

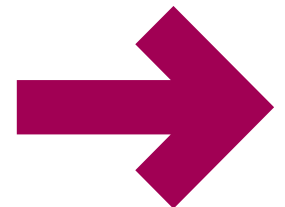
# Thames Valley Clinical Network

AHSN study day  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dr Richard Croft  
Diabetes lead TVCN

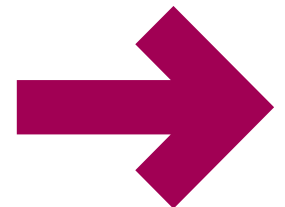
# The Thames Valley Clinical Network

- Covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire (including MK), Oxfordshire: 11 CCGs
- Engages with CCGs – commissioners and lead clinicians
- Seeks to influence diabetes services in the region at CCG level
- **Strategic, not operational**
- Linked with National Clinical Directorate
- A range of strategic activities



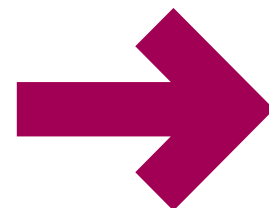
# Diabetes Reference Group (DRG)

- Meets 3 monthly
- Representation from CCGs, AHSN, PH, patients
- Sharing and cross-fertilisation
- Acts as a conduit between grassroots clinicians, commissioners and the NCD
- Emphasises the 3 key NCD priorities:  
**increasing uptake of 8 care processes, renal diabetes, diabetic foot**
- Meetings are energetic and enjoyable



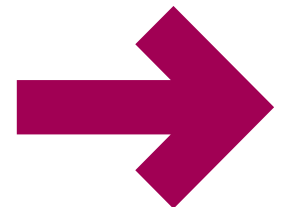
# Diabetic foot – national priority

- Organised ‘Foot day’ October 2014 with attendance by Prof Jonathan Valabhji, National Clinical Director for Diabetes & Obesity
- Foot reference group established, chaired by Dr Hema Heffernan from Wexham Park
- Scoping of MDT provision across TV
- Developing TV footcare pathway
- Encouraging participation in the National Diabetes Foot Audit
- **‘From good to excellent’** – better patient care and savings to commissioners



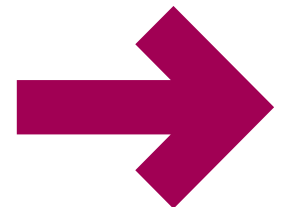
# Diabetes Service (Re)design

- The TVCN is directly and actively involved in the design of diabetes services across the TV
- We offer advice, mentoring and expertise
- But we are strategic, not operational



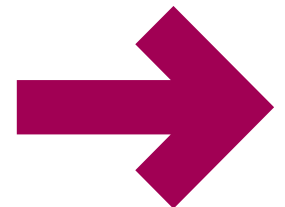
# Care planning offering

- Care planning is a key process for the management of all LTCs with a track record in diabetes. It is promoted by NHSE, RCGP, GMC, DUK, King's Fund, Coalition for Care etc.
- Presented proposals to TV AO/Clinical Chairs in October 2014 to offer training across TV – accepted and mandated
- Care planning training (1.5 days) and Taster sessions (2 hours) being delivered across TV for HCPs – very good takeup of offer
- 'Expert Hub' established to facilitate and advise



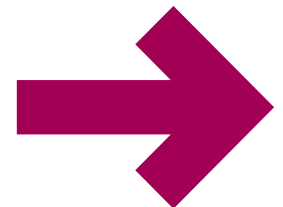
# Education review

- TV wide structured patient education scoping being carried out to establish baseline, followed by best practice guidelines and recommendations to commissioners
- TVCN and HETV collaborating to create a core multidisciplinary competency framework supporting PG diabetes education aimed at supporting commissioning of education programmes



# Hypos and working with industry

- **Hypo callouts** – the clinical network is collaborating with SCAS and the AHSN to develop a hypo pathway across the TV
- **Working with industry** – starting work to develop recommendations/guidelines for working with industry (Pharma and Technology). Agreed to set up a steering group with the AHSN to look at this.







**Thank you  
for listening**

**Thames Valley  
Clinical Network**