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Evaluation Report



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**ATTENDEES
(EXCLUDING SPEAKERS,
EXHIBITORS, EXEC)**

56.49%

COMPLETED EVALUATIONS

Overall, how did you rate the meeting?

	Average score out of 5	
	Venue	4.66
	Meeting rooms	4.69
	Lunch and refreshments	4.28
	Conference dinner	3.53
	Conference organisation prior to the meeting	4.66
	Conference organisation at the meeting	4.78

Please provide any specific comments below:

- Nil
- Not happy that I had to pay for parking all day whilst already paying for the event. Not even a discounted rate was offered
- There were many colleagues who wanted to come but were told that there were no places. The venue was at least 25% empty and could have accommodated more people!
- Limited choice for vegetarians
- Lunch portions a little small and a bit restricted for non-meat eaters.
- Good set up
- Lunch was a little limited- most of it ran out before i got there a couple of times!

How did you rate the presentations?

	Average score out of 5
Dr Peter Hammond - Technology Update	4.65
Professor Partha Kar - HCL Roll Out - NHSE Perspective	4.34
Dr Julia Platts - Technology Situation in Wales	4.11
Dr Jackie Elliott - HCL Essentials Course	4.38
Dr Charlotte Boughton - HCL in Populations Beyond Type 1 Diabetes	4.58
Dr Sufyan Hussain - Skin Issues and Diabetes Technology	4.71
Professor Samuel Seidu - Inequalities in Diabetes Technology Provision	4.08
Dr Parizad Avari - Technology in the Inpatient Setting - Including JBDS Guidance	4.49
Symposium sponsored by Dexcom	4.06

General Comments

Eg. What was most useful? What would you have changed?

- Skin issues and diabetes technology
- Update on new technology was very helpful
- Nil
- HCL essential courses, useful information for clinicians in order to signpost the patients

- **Networking was the most useful aspect of the meeting, especially hearing Partha Kar**
- **The workshop especially the driving one was good .. would love to see more of interactive workshops and practical sessions in the future**
- **Good range of topics**
- **Driving workshop by Pratik Chaowdhary and skin issues by Dr Hussain. Both GP talk were not useful at all**
- **Updates all useful**
- **Very informative and useful**
- **Update on technology. Skin reactions.**
- **Partha Kar**
- **Tech updates/future forecasting**
- **Nothing**
- **It was all very useful.**
- **HCL in patient and JBDS guidance.**
- **Skin issues was useful to have more insight and understanding.**
- **I thought Samuel Seidhu's messages were so important. Did not like the Dexcom Symposium - no need - it sells itself and creates discomfort when clinicians seem to show bias. I do appreciate industry support but this is counterproductive**
- **Great meeting, very helpful update re: HCL roll out & tech in inpatients. Thank you**
- **Good conference**
- **Technology update very useful**
- **Up to date technology data; will help my day to day practice**
- **Met my expectations**
- **The sessions were all excellent. One of the most useful conference days I have been to.**
- **Updates were helpful**
- **It was all useful. A good combination of science and updates**
- **Really good conference, i enjoyed it.**
- **Good and provide upto date knowledge in diabetes technology**
- **As I am an inpatient DSN I really enjoyed Dr.Parizad Avari s topics**
- **overall very good meeting- including workshops**
- **I found the Peter Hammonds update as well as Sufiya Hussain talks very useful. In future, better to have secondary care clinicians rather than primary care doctors doing the talks.**
- **Thank you**
- **Technology update and situation in wales**
- **Tech update and HCL beyond type 1 were both very clear speakers, the skin issues was useful too**
- **Use of HCL in T2DM**
- **Skin issues - tip to offer patients**
- **Able to network, hands on experience with new technology , updated knowledge in the field**
- **Skin issue session was most useful.**
- **No sponsored symposiums**
- **Networking, NHSE roll out plan, DAFNE HCL essentials**
- **Technology use in inpatient was useful. Would have liked to learn more about the suitability or selection of a pump in special circumstances.**

- **Generally okay**
- **Overall an excellent meeting that highlighted very important aspects of managing diabetes and improving outcomes**
- **The use of HCL beyond type 1 and full closed loop was very interesting. The skin reaction was very relevant to everyday practice**
- **Exercise and inpatient updates**
- **I would have preferred more practical workshops than lectures**
- **Useful session on driving and exercise. Professor Andrews is wonderful! As always, most confusing and unhelpful session with Professor Kar.**
- **More practical sessions if possible**
- **Skin talk excellent**
- **Skin issues and diabetes technology**
- **Talk on skin reactions most useful.**
- **thought provoking update on many clinical dilemmas-good to discuss**
- **All good**
- **All good**
- **Good**
- **Driving and exercise sessions**
- **HCL roll out plan and networking**
- **Nil**
- **Technology update was most useful. The presentation on inequalities in diabetes technology provision started off OK but drifted off into culture war territory, advocating a non-scientifically based philosophy about equality theory and seemingly ending with appeal that people who looked like the presenter should be favoured above others along with obliquely derogatory remarks about those with religious beliefs. There will be a variety of views in the Association, you don't have to agree with everyone but if a platform is given to one philosophical viewpoint then those from other viewpoints will also make a claim and we will soon end in a big argument. Please avoid for the future, this stuff is causing division around the world.**
- **skin issues really useful**
- **Skin issues was new to me. I wont change anything**
- **All topics were relevant.**
- **Practical advice workshop**
- **skin issue and technology, driving session**
- **Fantastic roll call of speakers. Especially enjoyed Pari Avari 's talk and Sufyan Hussain as these - aspirational and practical !**
- **I wouldn't change anything. I really enjoyed HCL beyond type 1 talk very interesting.**
- **It would be great if you can keep this online access as well . More people can pariciapte**
- **As more of us are going to be caring for people on pumps - a practical workshop on pumps would be useful next time.**
- **would have liked longer on driving as discussion interesting and useful**

How did you rate the workshops?

Hannah Sutton, Shaun Carpenter, Geraldine Gallen - Peer Support	4.59
Professor Pratik Choudhary - Technology and Driving	4.67
Dr Vicky McKechnie & Amy Jolley - Psychology and Technology	4.08
Anne Marie Frohock, Professor Rob Andrews - Technology and Exercise	4.53

General Comments

Eg. What was most useful? What would you have changed?

- Technology and driving
- Tips on managing the glycemic control during exercise was v useful
- Nil
- I find the role playing in the psychology work shop unhelpful and artificial.
- In clinical practice we find a proportion of patients who are resistant in consistently using advanced technologies in diabetes, usually with poor outcomes. It would have been useful to explore these themes and share outcomes, as at present and with the absence of clinical psychology support within most services (including ours) we are at a loss on what to do for this population to meaningfully change outcomes.
- The exercise workshop could be better ..
- Great insight in these areas
- lot of practical tips to help provide better care
- The discussion in the workshops is really useful
- HCL in different populations, Diabetes and exercise, Inpatient CGM, diabetes and driving
- Driving and Exercise work shops
- HCL future innovations
- longer time for the workshops!
- nothing
- the patients living with diabetes in the peer support group were excellent
- Driving session
- With the numbers i'm not sure they are really workshops as not really very interactive. However, good to get a wider selection of topics covered.
- The peer review was really good - it would be good to have the tips for setting up groups shared, and great to have the 'young person' perspective from Hannah. Exercise is complicated!

- Really helpful and practical workshops
- Workshops were very good
- as always a useful, friendly meeting
- Interactive workshops
- Nothing
- The technology and driving, and technology and exercise sessions were excellent. It was good that there was audience interaction and engagement.
- Both workshops I attended were helpful
- Change nothing!
- A little more opportunity to discuss cases and problems in the driving workshop would have been useful.
- really good, all the topics i attended were informative
- workshops
- Overall programme very good and help me to improve my awareness to support patient living with diabetes
- Closed loop
- Useful Pratik's workshop on Technology and driving
- HCL update
- Exercise and driving talk.
- The driving talk was still not very clear
- Excellent workshops especially driving and technology
- Peer support - lived experience
- good guidance about technology in driving and exercise but was unable attend other sessions
- Exercise session was the most useful
- Great exercise talk
- Access to other workshop recordings would be very helpful.
- Technology and driving.
- Enjoyed the session. Not sure would have changed anything
- I think the new technologies for diabetes management and the way we have to implement them in our practice have made a big difference in the improvement of patients lives and outcomes
- The DVLA workshop was very practical and useful
- Updates and new innovations
- Driving workshop
- Nil
- Exercise focused more on exercise per se (MDI) than technology and exercise
- Technology and driving
- Advice on changes to pump settings with exercise - could have been a longer session.
- driving-more to talk about than there was time allowed
- Exercise in diabetes
- More on exercise in diabetes
- Informative but tendency for Rob to talk too quickly with more advanced parts.
- Workshops, skin session and updates
- Recording of the workshop talk to watch on demand would be helpful

- Overall great meeting, esp sessions on recurrent DKA, Closed Loop beyond T1
- Suggestion to the presenter on diabetes and driving - give a website address where all the up to date rules can be found in one place - I can never find them!
- peer support was interesting from a service user perspective maybe not enough time for the psychology
- It was a good review of all the areas
- All topics were relevant.
- Technology and exercise - practical tips
- include case studies
- Bigger rooms for some of the workshops
- It would be good if the workshop sessions were more interactive to enable networking.
- everything is excellent
- "Exercise - excellent speakers and very practical
- Technology and Driving was good as well. "
- a good general update

Future Meetings

- More workshops on Exercise in diabetes
- "I understand that there is a separate diabetes in pregnancy conference, but this area should have some representation in the DTN conference, especially in the context of diabetes technology
- I would prefer lectures than workshops
- Workshops
- Include future tech developments
- more case studies , more clinical cases / clinical dilemmas - management issues
- Mixture
- Workshop
- Analysing data
- lectures
- Managing advanced complications with HCL eg dialysis, gastroparesis
- mixture of formats works well. more time for the workshops please
- all are valuable
- T1DE and HCL
- Technology
- Nice to hear from a range of professionals in these workshops and always good to hear from psychology, which is lacking in our service
- mix
- I think this was a good balance of topics
- sharing of what has worked in managing HCL at scale, discussion about changing ways of managing HCL population / follow up
- More technology updates !
- Can't think of anything sorry
- Nil
- Update as guided by new technology

- **Thank you!**
- **all good, nothing to improve**
- **guidlunes and devices**
- **overall the format is good.**
- **Would love to have talks on difficult pump patients clinical scenarios as well as in pregnancy**
- **More similar sessions**
- **more on exercise and inpatient care**
- **focus on pregnancy, dementia/frail patients, those with mental health issues**
- **Use of HCL in pregnancy**
- **T1DE update**
- **great speakers**
- **Difficult cases would be interesting**
- **Different faces please**
- **Recording of workshops to view on demand.**
- **More on psychological impact of Technology. Exercise and HCL"**
- **None**
- **Insulin pumps and Exercise**
- **Lectures**
- **I liked the mix between lecture and workshop. We run out of time on both workshop so maybe we could have a bit more time for those.**
- **Lectures or debates.**
- **More practical solutions on HCL implementation with limited resources "**
- **Workshops**
- **Workshop format**
- **Lectures. Pros and cons of different HCL systems**
- **Something on the differences in algorithms between different HCL pumps. Pregnancy and pump therapy.**
- **cant think sorry it was so good!**
- **More time and workshop on different exercise and influence on glucose and management**
- **Workshop on different exercises and glycemc management**
- **Also have opportunity to attend more workshops"**
- **Reducing variation. Inpatient diabetes initiative showcase**
- **Pregnancy**
- **Talk by Kings college psychology team, more options on exercise and HCL,**
- **Lectures**
- **challenge of funding and expectation management, data interpretation, and dealing with challenges when the algorithms do not seem to be working with the pump user**
- **More on technology will help**
- **Would prefer a mix of these.**
- **workshop**
- **more case studies, practical sessions**
- **Managing HCL in real life e.g work, drinking alcohol, school, university. Older people and technology and how they can be supported. How to support people with learning difficulties and tech, how to support people with visual impairments with tech.**
- **if in person can make it 2 days or more.**
- **a mixture of lecture, debate and workshop keeps me interested.**
- **I also went to EXTOD**

Any other comments

- Nil
- None
- better vegan meal options - especially breakfast when you are travelling fair distance to reach the venue
- Thanks for another great meeting - I had to put a number for the dinner, in fact I did not go
- Thank you
- Thankyou!
- Best meeting all year
- Not enough time for networking.
- good venue, did not attend conference dinner
- Nil
- It would be good to have a workshop about interpretation of different pump downloads and different download platforms.
- Really enjoyed it.
- I was hoping for more of an update or new info
- excellent meeting. good topics. excellent organisation
- suggest to keep the online participants
- A great conference - thank you