



Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme Self-referral model - FAQs for Patients and the Public

What is the Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme?

The Healthier You programme helps those at high risk of Type 2 diabetes to reduce their risk. It is a 9 month programme which includes help and guidance to eat well and provides tips on weight loss (where appropriate) and physical activity. The programme consists of one 2 hour session per week for the first 7 weeks, followed by one 2 hour session per month for the next 4 months plus a review session after 9 months of the programme.

To help keep you focused and motivated on your goals, you'll have access to trained health coaches, and you'll be able to meet other people in your area who are also trying to reduce their risk of Type 2 diabetes.

How is the programme being delivered during the pandemic?

Although the programme is normally delivered in groups at different times and locations, right now it's offered over telephone or group video conference, or online through apps and websites. Participants will need access to a phone and/or a computer or tablet.



Who is eligible to join?

Anyone who is identified as at moderate to high risk of Type 2 diabetes using the Diabetes UK risk tool, or through a blood test from their GP practice, is eligible to join the programme – provided they are not pregnant, are aged 18-79 and do not have a current diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes.

How do I join the programme?

The easiest way to see if you are eligible and to sign up to the programme is to complete the Diabetes UK risk tool at riskscore.diabetes.org.uk <u>https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start</u>

If you score 16 or more you will be able to sign up to your local Healthier You service. You will need to know your waist, height and weight measurement to complete the Diabetes UK risk tool.

How can I join if I can't access the Diabetes UK risk tool?

If you are unable to use the Diabetes UK risk tool to sign up then you can be referred by your GP practice.

What will I achieve on the programme?

Your free local Healthier You service can help you put your health back in your hands by supporting you to make changes to your diet, get more physically active and lose weight (where appropriate). Taking this action is really important as it can reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

You can watch short videos of previous participants' experiences on the Healthier You programme using the links below:

- Harry's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dWWWVa3At8&feature=youtu.be
- Adrish's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0khFEpPTiU
- Mabel's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPC0JxPCmdg&feature=youtu.be
- Hansa's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1ZVPAiunC8
- Pam's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FDCgvJun98&feature=youtu.be
- Michael's story <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh7748RDehg</u>

Why should I reduce my risk of Type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes can be a very serious health condition that can cause long-term health problems. It can lead to sight loss, kidney failure, loss of a limb, and makes you at least twice as likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes can have a huge impact on you and your family and can mean lots of changes to the way you live your life.

It's very important that you find out if you are at high risk of Type 2 diabetes so you can get support to lower your risk.

Who is more at risk of Type 2 diabetes?

Anyone can develop Type 2 diabetes, but certain factors can increase your risk:

- The older you are, the greater your risk is likely to be. However, those from the ethnic groups outlined below tend to be at risk at a younger age.
- You're two to six times more at risk if you have a parent, child, brother or sister with Type 2 diabetes.
- You're more likely to get Type 2 diabetes if you're over 25 and from a Chinese, South Asian, African-Caribbean or Black-African ethnic background.
- You are more at risk of type 2 diabetes if you carry excess weight, have obesity or if you've ever had high blood pressure.
- You're more at risk if you've ever had a heart attack or stroke, if you've ever had schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or depression, or if you are receiving treatment with anti-psychotic medication
- You're more at risk if you are a woman who has had polycystic ovarian syndrome, gestational diabetes, or given birth to a baby weighing over 10 pounds.

Type 2 diabetes. Find out if you're at high risk.

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Appendix **B**

Step 1: Access the Diabetes risk tool at: riskscore.diabetes.org.uk



Step 2: Complete the risk assessment. A risk score will be displayed on screen and if the participant provides an email address the results will also be emailed to them.

If the participant gets a Moderate score 16-24 or a High Score 25-47 and meet the eligibility criteria they will be presented with a link to access the DDP Healthier You Programme.

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Low : 0 - 6	Increased : 7 - 15	Moderate : 16 - 24 Higt	1:25-47
1 in 10 people with your risk	will get Type 2 diabetes	s in the next 10 years.	
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	a lot of simple information	makes you more at risk and how you c on and advice. If you are able to, you m	
Your risk explaine	d		
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Age: 45 49 or younger	0	Waist measurement: 104.1cm Less than 90cm (35.5in)	0
50 - 59	5	90 - 99.9cm (35.5 - 39.3in)	4
60 - 69	9	100 - 109.9cm (39.4 - 43.3in)	6
70 or older	13	110cm (43.4in) or above	9
Gender		BMI: 29.8	

Step 3: From the results page the Participant will be directed to find their local Healthier You Provider via the postcode look up tool.

