



## #DiabetesChat Feedback

### The Community Feedback:

- “The most beautiful, supportive and resilient community #diabeteschat <3 I am so grateful for you all <3” **@TheAlexAlison**
- “Being Understood without having to explain yourself” **@irfanismail89**
- “People who I can relate to when nobody’s there!” **@AliHassWarrior**
- “Peer support means this... to me the diabetes chat, just talking about the different experiences everyone has and helping each other!!!” **@ChrisSGOwen**
- “I’m just glad I found you all! I’ve always felt isolated from others with diabetes, I’m very grateful to be here. #diabeteschat” **@KayLangran**
- “Peer support is being able to talk in our own language and have people understand! It’s like an exclusive club. It’s also the ability to speak freely and share thoughts and feelings without fear of stigma or misunderstanding. <3 #diabeteschat” **@SwitchAgenda**
- “#Diabeteschat Great place to meet others, learn from peer experience and what’s new in the bigger diabetes world.” **@Kerr21Kerr**
- “Massive learning curve about hypos with @drpratikc on @diabetes\_chat” **@Type1Tony**

### Community Feedback from JDRF:

*“I am delighted to support this submission – having seen first-hand the impact that DiabetesChat has, and continues to grow, both for those affected by type 1 diabetes, and importantly: also those supporting them. I have been delighted to see JDRF UK’s and DiabetesChat’s collaboration laser focused on supporting those with type 1 diabetes with the information, connection and normalisation they need. I think a key highlight is DiabetesChat on ‘no borders’ with a global approach – the home for everyone affected by type 1. JDRF UK and DiabetesChat have teamed up to deliver in-person connection too through our series of free community events. DiabetesChat has grown in its visibility, impact and reach and truly connects people from around the world. It has given a platform to so many people within the community (both healthcare professionals and those affected by type 1) to discuss, learn from each other, and understand what’s on the horizon. I am excited to see what this key collaboration delivers.” **Dan Farrow, JDRF Head of Community Engagement***

Diabetes Professionals Feedback:

“The weekly #DiabetesChat is a brilliant place for people with diabetes, our support networks and others involved in diabetes to come together in an inclusive and fun way to listen, learn and engage. A roster of different speakers draws a crowd, keeping the discussion fresh, and the informal chat afterwards is a wonderful opportunity for the community to feel supported and united. Congratulations to Tom Dean for this truly global and very welcoming initiative.”

**Renza Scibilia, Diabetes advocate and activist. Director of Community Building & Communications, Global Access**

“This is a great forum.” **Partha Kar, National Specialty Advisor, Diabetes, NHS England**

“At the click of a button, on a Monday night, it’s given people a place.” **James Ridgeway, Diabetes Educator with EDEN & Diabetes Specialist Nurse**