

2026 Diabetes Africa UK Forum Event: Advancing equity in diabetes care for Black populations
Draft Programme (June 2026 v1)

Time	Session	
09:00- 09:15	Event opening • Dr Bernadette Adeyileka-Tracz- Executive Director, Diabetes Africa • Dr Joan St John- GPwER in Diabetes. Chair, Diabetes Africa UK Forum Committee	
09:15- 10:00	Keynote: NG28 and QOF in 2026- turning new guidance into equitable diabetes care	
10:00- 10:50	Data for systems change: What needs to be done to have high quality ethnicity data reporting for all diabetes processes and outcomes? • David Caldwell- Principal Analyst, Clinical Audit, Clinical & Improvement Analytics, NHS England • Dr MaryAnn Ferreux, Chief Medical Officer, Health Innovation Kent Surrey Sussex	
10:50- 11:30	Networking and refreshments	
11:30- 12:30	Breakout A	Breakout B
	Kidney disease in diabetes: What could we implement in the next 12 months to halve new ESRF in Black populations by 2030? • Swati Bhagat-Jones- Multiple long-term conditions Lead, Kidney Research UK • Dr Raymond Ladele- GPwER Diabetes and Obesity and Diabetes Lead, Coventry and Rugby GP Alliance	Diabetes in Pregnancy: What would it take for all women to have access to culturally relevant care? A focus on food. • Dr Shola Oladipo- Registered Dietitian, Chief Executive Officer, Food for Purpose • Jasmine Carbon- Registered Dietitian, Carbon Nutrition
12:30- 13:30	Lunch and Networking	
13:30- 14:20	Footcare Workshop: How to provide effective footcare for people living with diabetes with dark skin tone • Luxmi Dhoonmoon - Nurse Consultant Tissue Viability, London North West University Healthcare NHS trust • Dr Chris Manu- Consultant in Diabetes, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Clinical lead, Diabetic Foot Service	

14:20- 14:30	<i>Networking and room change</i>	
14:30- 15:30	Breakout A	Breakout B
	Obesity workshop: When big is beautiful how to approach weight loss conversations in people of Black heritage • Adamma Okwu- Diabetes Specialist Matron, Ealing Community Partners, West London NHS Trust • Nana Ocran- Lead Diabetes Lifestyle Medicine Coach at North Lewisham PCN	Update: Impact of diabetes technology in UK Black populations • Daniel Newman- T1D lived experience advocate • Elliot Omari- T1D lived experience, and Diabetes Health and Wellbeing practitioner
15:30- 16:00	<i>Networking and refreshments</i>	
16:00- 16:50	Leaders' roundtable: improving representation in diabetes research in the UK • Colette Marshall- Chief Executive, Diabetes UK • Dr Esther Mukuka- Director of Research Inclusion, National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) • Prof. Faye Ruddock- Chair, Caribbean African Health Network. Director of the Institute of Health Equity and Social Justice, University of Greater Manchester • Dr Veline L'Esperance- Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Queen Mary University of London. Senior Clinical Advisor, NHS Race & Health Observatory. Co-Lead, Black Health Legacy	
16:50- 17:00	Session close: take aways and next steps • Dr Bernadette Adeyileka-Tracz- Executive Director, Diabetes Africa	

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