



# Insulin Dependent Diabetes Trust

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*A charity listening to those with diabetes and their carers and supporting their needs*

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## Election Manifesto for people with diabetes

- People with diabetes should receive an **informed** choice of treatment including risks and benefits of **all** available treatment options and that the education programme for people with diabetes should be improved to take this requirement into account.
- To protect public health, the information about treatment options provided to patients should be gained from **independent** high quality research. If such studies have not been carried out, then there should be a commitment by the Department of Health to commission these essential studies.
- That there should be an undertaking that patients' views will carry equal weight in decision-making about their treatment and put in place education programmes for medical and healthcare professionals to ensure that patient choice is reality and not rhetoric.
- In order to protect the health and quality of life of patients, the Department of Health should ensure that the NHS has more than one supplier of essential medicines such as natural animal insulin so that the commercial decisions of the pharmaceutical industry does not put health and even lives at risk.
- That the implementation of the National Service Framework for Diabetes should receive ring-fenced central funding to ensure that the present and increasing inequalities in care and provision of medical needs are eradicated.

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