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Dear Mrs Homer,

Welcome to this month's e-newsletter. You will see that we have changed the name to the Primary Care Network. This will not change the service you receive from us; the name better reflects that we are here to support all healthcare professionals working in primary care.

Your patients will be taking time away and many of them travelling abroad. Don't forget that we have useful [travel guides](#) for patients on our website.

You can [order materials from the online shop](#). Diabetes UK members will receive a 25% discount. [Find out more about membership](#).

Please send any comments you have about this service or anything else to Primarycarenetwork@diabetes.org.uk.

Best wishes

Simon O'Neill
Director of Care, Information and Advocacy Services

Changes to driving regulations to be brought forward

Following a ministerial announcement earlier in July 2011, the DVLA intend to bring forward changes to the driving regulations affecting driving and diabetes from October this year.

This means that people with diabetes treated by insulin will be able to apply for a licence to drive Group 2 category vehicles (lorries and buses) if they meet certain criteria and undergo an annual independent medical assessment. They will also need to demonstrate adequate control of their diabetes by using a blood glucose meter with a memory function and record blood glucose levels for at least three months prior to submitting their application.

[Find out more about changes to driving regulations](#).

News



EMA issues new recommendations for use of pioglitazone

Announcement follows recent studies indicating an increased risk of developing bladder cancer.



Are your kidneys OK?

New patient leaflet designed for use in primary care.



Charities call for NICE to reconsider Lucentis decision

Change4Life's latest campaign is a six-week-long summer holiday initiative to help families get active whilst school's out.



Managing Emotions in Consultations – free training

More dates available for this popular free course.



Change4life launches Really Big Summer Adventure

Six-week-long summer holiday initiative to help families get active whilst school's out.



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