## Healthy Lifestyle (part 2)

#### Presented by: Community Dietitian

Diabetes Smart is a Healthy Wirral initiative







### Group ground rules We agree to:

- treat each other with respect
- let everyone's viewpoint be heard
- maintain confidentiality
- keep to the topic being discussed
- join in discussions
- share information and resources with others
- turn mobile phones to silent/turned off





### **Introductions and Questions**

Share your main question





### Weight and Diabetes

- In general, we gain weight when we take in more calories than out body burns up.
- A calorie (kcal) is a unit of energy.
- National recommendations are that men need around 2,500kcal a day and that women need around 2,000kcal a day, to maintain a healthy weight.
- Actual calorie needs vary from person to person though.
- Being overweight makes it more difficult to manage diabetes.



### Are you a healthy weight for your height?

**Calculated using Body Mass Index, BMI** 

 $BMI = \underline{weight (kg)}$ height (meters<sup>2</sup>)

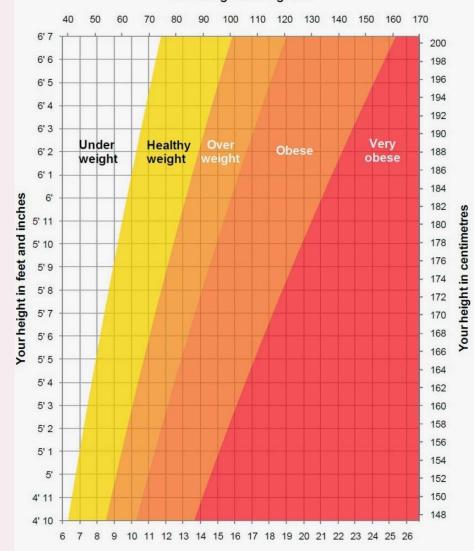
**Diabetes** 

Risk category	Underweight- malnutrition risk	Lower risk of lifestyle diseases	Increased risk of lifestyle diseases	High risk of lifestyle diseases
BMI	Less than 18.5	18.5 – 24.9 (18.5-22.9 South Asian populations)	25-29.9 (23-26.9 South Asian populations)	30 + (27.9 + South Asian populations)
What to do?	Seek advice You may benefit from gaining weight	Ensure <b>heart</b> <b>healthy food</b> options	Reduce calorie intake and increase exercise	Seek advice Consider a weight management programme

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#### Your weight in kilograms

Your weight in stones

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#### Waist measurement is important



https://www.diabetes.org.uk/preventing-type-2-diabetes/waist-measurement





### 5-10% weight loss:

- Improves blood glucose levels
- Lowers blood pressure
- Lowers blood cholesterol
- Lowers risk of long term health conditions including heart disease, liver disease, osteoarthritis, stroke, some cancers
- Lower risk of more severe illness if you get COVID 19
- Improves mental wellbeing
- Reduces breathlessness
- Makes it easier to move





### Weight loss

- Work towards a healthy BMI
- Losing 5–10% weight will improve your health
- It is important to make long term changes that you can keep up





### **Dietary approaches**

- The most successful approach will be one that you enjoy and fits in with your lifestyle
- It is the total energy intake and maintaining the changes that are best predictors of weight loss
- Small and realistic changes
- The key is to find a plan that is enjoyed and fits in with your lifestyle.
- Following a diet with 600 calories less than you need to stay the same weight, can result in 1lb a week weight loss
- To lose weight the average woman will need approximately 1,200 to 1,500 calories per day and the average man approximately 1,500 to 1,800 per day





### **Dietary Approaches**

#### Low carbohydrate

- Reducing carbohydrate to less than 130g per day
- Does not mean carbohydrate is completely excluded
- Some carbohydrate foods contain essential vitamins, minerals and fibre
- First reduce carbohydrate intake from unhealthy sources such as sugary drinks, cakes, biscuits, chips, white bread, pizzas, fruit juices, smoothies
- Make sure to get your limited carbohydrate from healthy high-fibre carbohydrate foods, such as vegetables, pulses, nuts, whole fruits, whole grains, unsweetened milk and yoghurt
- If you treat your diabetes with insulin or any other medication that puts you at risk of hypo (low blood glucose levels), following a low-carb diet may increase this risk. Consult your doctor or nurse for advice on your medication

Example meal plan:

https://diabetes-resources-production.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/resources-s3/public/2021-03/0934%20DUK\_MealPlanner%20low%20carb%2011\_3\_21.pdf

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#### **Dietary Approaches Mediterranean**

- Based around vegetables, beans and pulses, nuts and seeds, wholegrains, fruits and olive oil
- Also includes some dairy (milk and yogurts), eggs and fish in moderation
- Linked with lower rates of heart disease
- Can promote weight loss and improve blood glucose levels

Example meal plan:

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### **Dietary Approaches**

#### **Calorie Reduced Healthy Eating**

- Choose foods lower in added sugars and fats
- Be mindful of portion sizes
- Filling up more on high fibre low calorie options such as vegetables and salad

Example meal plan: https://diabetes-resources-production.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/resources-s3/public/2021-02/1500%20meal%20planner%2025\_2\_21.pdf





### **Dietary Approaches Group activity**

- Each group has the same diet history for one day of foods and drinks
- As a group, suggest how these meals could be changed to fit in with one of the dietary approaches:
  - Low Carb
  - Mediterranean diet
  - Calorie controlled healthy eating
- Suggest changes for at least one of the meals and feedback to the rest of the group





#### **Dietary Approaches**

The Diabetes UK web site has more information about the approaches and has developed meals plans for each approach https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/enjoy-food/eating-with-diabetes/meal-plans





### Practical strategies to lose weight

- Reduce calorie intake and increase activity using ideas below
- Increase activity: day to day activities, sitting less, add structured activity
- Make more meals from scratch
- Check food and drink labels
- Reduce portion sizes
- Get enough sleep
- Swaps to reduce energy density
- Limit alcohol
- Eating lifestyle (avoid distractions, be mindful of what is being eaten)
- Plan ahead
- Support
- Self-monitoring (food, activity, weight, waist)
- Set realistic goals (SMART)





### SMART Goals

SpecificWhat will you do?MeasurableHow much...how often?AchievableHow confident are you that you can do it? (at least 7/10)RealisticHow confident are you that you will do it? (at least 7/10)Time BoundWhen will you do it?EvaluateHow did it go?ReviewWhat will you do you can do you can be will you can be will





### Questions to help you set your Goals

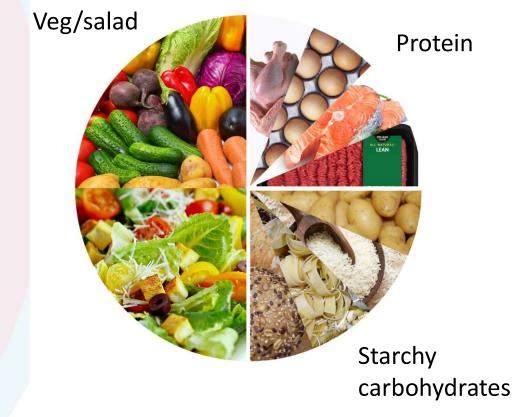
- What is your Goal?
- How important is your Goal to you?
- What makes it important?
- What do you need to achieve it?
- Which bits will you do this week?
- How much? How often? When?
- If you visualise yourself doing this bit of your Goal this week, how confident do you feel, on a scale of 0-10?





#### **Healthy Meal Ideas**





Starchy carbohydrates





### Questions





#### Further support You can access the following topic session:

- Physical Activity
- Food labelling
- Carbohydrate Awareness
- Keeping well with Diabetes
- Review sessions

Book on 0151 604 7271 or email

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For Resources and support : www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/diabetes-smart/self-careresources-and-support/





### Thank you for joining us today!

# Please take a moment to complete a short evaluation...



