

Patient Information Leaflet

Diabetes



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What is Diabetes?

Our bodies have many different parts that help us keep well and healthy

We eat and drink using our mouth



This is the stomach where food and drink is broken down



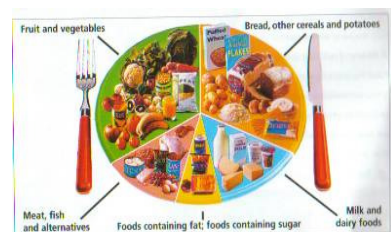
There is a part in the body called the pancreas



This helps the food we eat to give us energy



The pancreas also makes insulin to balance the amount of sugar in our bodies



What is Diabetes?

When we have diabetes the insulin made by our pancreas is not enough. This means that the sugar in our blood is too high and it makes us feel unwell.

We may feel:-

Thirsty



Needing to go to the toilet more often



Tired



Not seeing as well



There are two types of Diabetes

Type 1:

Usually happens before you are 40 years of age

It is treated by injections



Exercise



Healthy diet



What is Diabetes?

Type 2:

Usually happens after the age of 40 years
This is when your Diabetes is controlled by:

A healthy diet



Exercise



Tablets



Important information

Taking your tablets or having your injection at the time your doctor told you

And

Eating your meals at regular times

Will help you to stay well too.

If you require this leaflet in another language, large print or another format, please contact the Quality Team, telephone 01983 534850, who will advise you.

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We Value Your Views On Our Service

If you wish to comment on the care which you, your relative or friend has received, we will be pleased to hear from you. Please speak to the person in charge of the ward, clinic or service in the first instance or ask them to contact the Quality Team. If you wish to contact them directly, telephone on 534850.

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Chief Executive
Isle Of Wight NHS Trust
St Mary's Hospital
Newport
Isle of Wight
PO30 5TG

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