



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A partnership between

Diabetes UK  
and

The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences

### **1. Purpose**

- i. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlines the agreed collaborative relationship between Diabetes UK and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) for the purposes of enhancing the activities of each organisation and fostering co-operation for the benefit of all professionals involved within the respective organisations and the people for whom they provide services and support.

### **2. Background**

- i. The British Diabetic Association operating as [Diabetes UK](#), a charity registered in England and Wales (no. 215199) and in Scotland (no. SC039136). A company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with no. 00339181 with its principal of office at Wells Lawrence House, 126 Back Church Lane London E1 1FH. We are the charity leading the fight against the UK's biggest and growing health crisis. Our mission is to tackle diabetes, day in and day out, until it can do no harm through changing policies and attitudes through our hard-hitting campaigns, and changing lives with our ground-breaking research, until we find a cure.
- ii. BASES:  
  
Established in 1984, [BASES](#) is the professional body for sport and exercise sciences in the UK. BASES mission is to deliver excellence in sport and exercise sciences through the promotion of scientific research and evidence-based practice. BASES' aim is to develop and

enhance professional and ethical standards in the sport and exercise sciences. The Association's key strategic objectives are:

- i. The promotion of research in sport and exercise sciences
- ii. The encouragement of evidence-based practice in sport and exercise sciences
- iii. The distribution of knowledge in sport and exercise sciences
- iv. The development and maintenance of high professional standards for those involved in sport and exercise sciences
- v. The representation of the interests of sport and exercise sciences nationally and internationally.

BASES is currently seeking petition for Royal Charter.

### **3. Collaboration**

#### **i. Research:**

- i. BASES will feed into the development of the Diabetes UK highlight notice focused on Physical Activity and Diabetes opening in 2025 with funding decisions to be made in 2026.
- ii. BASES will co-badge the highlight notice to indicate their support for the areas identified.
- iii. BASES will promote relevant focused research funding opportunities offered by Diabetes UK to increase the reach.
- iv. BASES will support in the promotion of relevant research findings and reports within their channels and communications.
- v. The two associations will also seek to collaborate in the production and dissemination of research findings.
- vi. Due to the high number of applications received by Diabetes UK, it is not possible to take forward all applications to the Research Committee for discussion. Therefore, following external peer review and rebuttal, applications undergo a pre-selection process, ratified by the Chair of the Research Committee and Committee members designated to speak to that application. This process will also apply to the applications submitted through the "Diabetes and Physical Activity" highlight notice. Shortlisted applications will be taken to the Diabetes UK Grants Advisory Panel and Research Committee after which Diabetes UK will determine whether it is able to contribute financially.
- vii. BASES will not be involved in nor can influence the established independent processes noted in clause vi, nor will grants submitted through the highlight notice be shared with BASES. Details of projects funded through the highlight notice can be shared following finalisation of awards.

#### **ii. CPD:**

- a) Diabetes UK and BASES agree to deliver collaborative professional development events (e.g., webinar, workshop) to accompany any relevant research or professional practice areas co-ordinated by the respective CPD officers or other appropriate representatives from each organisation.

### **4. Review**

- a) Both parties commit to at least one partnership review meeting per year. Within these meetings, the review of existing partnership arrangements will take place, as well as examining scope for further expansion of the partnership.
- b) The MoU can be amended at any point by unanimous agreement.

## 5. Confidentiality

- i. Both parties commit to complying with any applicable privacy legislation in their jurisdiction regarding any personal information they receive about the members of the partner organisation. This provision will survive termination of this MoU.
- ii. Both parties agree not to disclose any information or documents which comes to its knowledge or into its possession by reason of this MoU which the other partner organisation has explicitly or implicitly indicated as confidential unless otherwise pursuant to judicial or legislative authority in the respective jurisdiction. This provision will survive termination of this MoU.

## 6. Duration and Review

- i. This MoU becomes effective from the date that the representatives of the participating parties sign this agreement below. The intention is for the agreement to continue for three years, with an annual review. At the end of the term, the MoU may be extended by the mutual written agreement of both organisations.
- ii. This Memorandum may be revised through the mutual agreement of both organisations and may be terminated by either party upon giving six months' written notice signed by the recognised Executive Officer of the notifying party.

## 7. Named Responsible Contacts

In witness to this agreement, the following individuals append their signatures:

### For Diabetes UK

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*Anna Morris*  
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Name: Anna Morris

Post: Assistant Director of Research

Date: 2 April 2024

### For BASES

*Ian Wilson*

Name: Ian Wilson

Post: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 25 March 2024

