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Dear Emmie

Diabetes UK is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign to tackle back pain in the work place.

We are serious about managing the risks of back pain at work and will be demonstrating our support by taking the following actions:

- ***Promoting the Better Backs Campaign by using the Better Backs campaign pack and consulting with staff and safety reps on how it is implemented at Diabetes UK***
- ***Targeting a wider audience by placing information about the campaign on our website***
- ***Identify staff who are experiencing back problems***
- ***Ensure all staff, temps and volunteers complete a VDU Workstation Checklist before commencing VDU work at Diabetes UK.***
- ***Review manual handling risk assessments***

By doing these things we plan to achieve the following:

- ***Raise awareness of the Better Backs Campaign***
- ***Take proactive measures to reduce the likelihood of staff, temps and volunteers experiencing back problems***
- ***Take all reasonable steps to provide support and comfort for staff who are experiencing back problems***

Diabetes UK is committed to working with HSE and the Local Authorities on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

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