## **DAFNE***plus*: Individual Support Logic Model

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Within the DAFNE*plus* intervention (Coates et al., 2021), the Individual Support (IS) component comprised five one-to-one sessions delivered at increasing intervals over the 12 month period following the DAFNE*plus* group course. It was designed to:

- 1. Reinforce the knowledge and skills around FIIT (Flexible Intensive Insulin Treatment), and self-management introduced in the group course.
- 2. Support personalisation and application of the knowledge and skills learned during the group course.
- 3. Foster automisation of routine diabetes management.
- 4. Increase participant activation to support engagement with FIIT, monitoring and appropriate help-seeking between appointments.
- 5. Support transition towards sustained, independent management of FIIT.

## The IS Logic Model (Table 1) describes the:

- features of IS:
  - o processes (patterns of interaction between facilitator and participant, or sequence of processing information within the participant),
  - o resources (objects or forms of technology),
  - o content (information provided as part of the intervention), or
  - o structure (a feature of the way the intervention is constructed or delivered).
- influencers of glycaemic management that each feature addresses
- expected outputs (changes in capability, opportunity, motivation) that IS is designed to bring about to promote sustained engagement in the behaviours associated with FIIT and long-term condition self-management.

**Table 2** summarises the Outputs column of the DAFNE*plus* Programme Theory. Outputs are the desired and hypothesised changes that the DAFNE*plus* intervention will bring about to deliver the programme's Outcomes (i.e., sustained enactment of behaviours involved in FIIT; see Hamilton et al (2021) for a description of the desired outcomes). Outputs are described using the COM-B model of behaviour change, which outlines the necessary conditions for the performance of three behavioural cycles identified as leading to long-term maintenance of glycaemic outcomes and quality of life. These include:

- capability (the knowledge and skills to perform the behaviours),
- opportunity (the ways in which the physical and social environment enable performance of the behaviours) and

• motivation (the learned and hardwired emotional, belief and attitudinal enablers of the behaviours)

**Table 3** summarises the Influencers column of the DAFNE*plus* Programme Theory. Influencers are those features of the internal and external environment identified as contributing to the sustained enactment of FIIT principles. They may be specific behavioural patterns (e.g., overtreatment of hypoglycaemia), or influences on enactment of behaviours involved in FIIT (e.g. perception of burdens of FIIT behaviours).

**Table 1: Individual Support Logic Model** 

| Feature  | Description  | Influencer on<br>Glycaemic<br>Management<br>Targeted | Туре                 | Revision<br>Status | Outputs<br>delivered                           |
|--|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Person-centred communication  **cross-cutting    | Using language that emphasises the primacy of the person (over the condition), invites shared decision-making and fosters compassionate and empowering interactions. This communication style supports personalisation of goals and adapting to evolving life circumstances.   | 19, 112, 116, 118                                    | Process              | New                | C5, O3   |
| Solution-focussed communication  **cross-cutting | Using language that elicits constructive solutions to challenging problems, models non-judgemental curiosity and facilitates actionable strategies. This communication style supports personalisation of goals and adapting to evolving life circumstances.  | 19, 112, 116, 118                                    | Process              | New                | C3, C5,<br>O3, M1,<br>M2, M4,<br>M5            |
| Behaviour Change Toolkit                         | Sessions provide information on six principles of cognitive and behavioural self-management used in chronic-disease self-management programmes (knowledge and skills, problem solving, goals and planning, emotions and mindset, routines and habits, social support), along with figures of speech (metaphors, phrases – see below) that summarise the benefit of each principle, and tools to apply that principle to type 1 diabetes self-management. | 15, 12, 14, 13,<br>15, 18                            | Content,<br>Resource | New                | C4, C5,<br>O2, M1,<br>M3, M4,<br>M5, M7,<br>M8 |

| Feature                                 | Description   | Influencer on<br>Glycaemic<br>Management<br>Targeted | Туре                  | Revision<br>Status | Outputs<br>delivered |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Metaphors and other Figures of Speech   | Metaphors and figures of speech were constructed to help participants make sense of the process of change   |  |                       |                    |                      |
| **cross-cutting                         | and to frame the behavioural requirements of FIIT in ways that support enactment and minimise unhelpful thinking patterns and emotional reactions.  |  |                       |                    |                      |
|   | For example, to help reduce perfectionistic and all-ornothing responses to out of target blood glucose readings, participants are advised that up to three out of ten readings can be above range and still achieve HbA1c target. 7 out of 10 (70%) within range. To reinforce this in a memorable and relatable way, a metaphor was created that compared the goal of achieving good enough diabetes self-management with flying a plane wherein a plane can deviate from its plotted course for up to 30% of the time but still reach its original destination. |  |                       |                    |                      |
| Widening support network – time/service | Participants offered x5 IS sessions at increasing intervals over one year. In addition, ad hoc contact with Facilitators is available (via phone, online messaging or video). Referrals to local agencies are also considered during IS to support any psychosocial barriers to optimal diabetes management.  | 18   | Structure             | New                | 01, 03               |
| Continuity of facilitator               | IS sessions held with a facilitator who had run their group course to ensure continuity of care.  | 18, 15   | Structure,<br>Process | New                | 01, 03               |

| Feature  | Description  | Influencer on<br>Glycaemic<br>Management<br>Targeted | Туре      | Revision<br>Status | Outputs<br>delivered                |
|--|--|--|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Structure of Individual Support Session                          | IS sessions were structured to (a) open the session by inviting participants to reflect on their progress with the behaviourally focussed action plans set during previous sessions (including the last day of the group course) and the potential drivers and barriers that they may have experienced when enacting/changing their behaviour (b) review data quality on Glucollector, (c) review patterns and agree priorities for next steps in a participant-centred way, and then (d) identify what behavioural steps need to be taken to realise those priorities by inviting participants to complete a behavioural action plan. | 12, 14, 15, 16, 17,<br>112, 114,                     | Structure | New                | C3, C4,<br>O3, M1,<br>M2, M4,<br>M5 |
| Gradual tapering off of support                                  | Sessions were arranged so that they were increasingly spaced out to encourage autonomy in participants' self-management.   | 112, 18  | Structure | New                | O1, M1                              |
| IS Participant form (ISP) and IS Facilitator form (ISF)          | Forms completed in advance of each IS session, with prompts to review data and consider priorities for the forthcoming appointment, for both the Participant and the Facilitator.  | 19, 112  | Resource  | New                | C3, O3,<br>M1, M2,<br>M4            |
| Coaching in use of the Glucollector diabetes management platform | Participant and facilitator collaboratively reviewing glucose and other data on Glucollector or another platform (e.g. Libreview) and discussing how to use  | 11, 12, 13, 15, 112,   114,                          | Process   | New                | C3, O5,<br>M1, M4                   |
| **cross-cutting  | this information to enhance self-management using FIIT.  |  |           |                    |                                     |

| Feature         | Description   | Influencer on Glycaemic | Туре     | Revision<br>Status | Outputs delivered |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                 |   | Management              |          | Status             | delivered         |
|                 |   | Targeted                |          |                    |                   |
| Action planning | The process of reflecting on previous self-management       | 12, 15, 116, 15,        | Process, | New                | C3, M1,           |
|                 | efforts (and review of data using Glucollector) to          | l12                     | Resource |                    | M4,               |
| **cross-cutting | create an actionable self-management plan. All action       |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | plans contain the elements of: SMART goal setting,          |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | reasons for change, perceived barriers to enacting the      |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | goal and potential solutions to overcoming these.           |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | Specific action plans were also designed to support         |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | enactment of condition-specific behaviours such as          |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | those needed for hyper and hypoglycaemia                    |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | management. The process of structured action                |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | planning and review was advanced during IS by               |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | considering specific diabetes specialist topics (e.g. split |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | bolus), life events (e.g. pregnancy) and further            |                         |          |                    |                   |
|                 | automisation of routine behaviours, to reduce burden.       |                         |          |                    |                   |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Features that cut-across the DAFNE*plus* programme

Table 2: Expected Outputs of DAFNE*plus*, i.e. Changes in Elements of Capability, Opportunity or Motivation to Enact Behaviours Associated with Flexible Intensive Insulin Therapy

| Output<br>Identifier | Output (Changes in Elements of Capability, Opportunity or Motivation to Enact Behaviours Associated with Flexible Intensive Insulin Therapy)                               |
|----------------------|--|
| C1_KnowT1D           | Increased knowledge of type 1 diabetes   |
| C2_KnowFIIT          | Increased knowledge of Flexible Intensive Insulin Therapy (FIIT)   |
| C3_SkillFIIT         | Increased skills in applying FIIT  |
| C4_SkillCBSM         | Increased knowledge and skills in applying principles of cognitive and behavioural self-management skills for type 1 diabetes  |
| C5_SkillCong         | Increased ability to achieve congruence between FIIT principles and life demands   |
| C6_AttHyper          | Reduction in over-reliance on corrective insulin dosing to manage hyperglycaemia   |
| C7_AttHypo           | Reduction in over-treatment of hypoglycaemia using carbohydrate  |
| O1_TimeHCP           | Increased access to timely and appropriate health professional support over a year   |
| O2_PracEmSupp        | Increased access to practical and emotional non-professional social support for self-management  |
| O3_HCPAuton          | Exposure to health professional interactions that support autonomy in self-management and avoid stigma   |
| O4_T1DModel          | Exposure to other models of people with type 1 diabetes learning how to implement FIIT and self-management strategies  |
| O5_TechAcccess       | Access to technology that supports capability and motivation to enact FIIT and other diabetes self-management strategies   |
| M1_ConfAdjust        | Increases in confidence to independently adjust insulin and ratios to accommodate changes in the condition, life events and transitions                                    |
| M2_ValueFIIT         | Increased perception of the value of enacting FIIT principles  |
| M3_Burden            | Reduction in perception of burdens associated with enacting FIIT principles and other diabetes self-management behaviours  |
| M4_EmpwrFIIT         | Increases in feelings of success and empowerment in relation to enacting FIIT principles   |
| M5_RedNegEmo         | Reduction in emotional states associated with enacting FIIT principles   |
| M6_Hope              | Reduced feelings of hopelessness and increased optimism about positive long-term health consequences of type 1 diabetes  |
| M7_SelfCompass       | Increases in self-compassion in situations where self-management feels difficult or does not result in expected outcomes   |
| M8_Think             | Decrease in thinking patterns associated with procrastination or avoidance in relation to self-management behaviours (e.g. perfectionism, all-or-nothing, catastrophising) |

Att=Attitudes, Know=Knowledge, Intent=Intention, Norm=Normative Behaviours, Skill=Behavioural Skills

**Table 3: Behavioural Influencers** 

| Behavioural         | Influencer  |
|---------------------|---|
| Influencer          |   |
| I1_HealthLit        | Low health literacy   |
| I2_SkillFIIT        | Lack of knowledge and skills to enact Flexible Insulin Intensive Therapy (FIIT)                                     |
| I3_ForgetTarget     | Forgetting blood glucose targets  |
| I4_AdjTarget        | Intentional upward adjustment of blood glucose targets  |
| I5_AdaptFIIT        | Inability to adapt FIIT principles in response to life events or transitions  |
| I6_OverTxHypo       | Over-treatment of hypoglycaemia using carbohydrate  |
| I7_ShortInsHyper    | Over-reliance on short acting insulin doses to manage hyperglycaemia  |
| I8_AccHcpFIIT       | Lack of access to Health Professionals trained in FIIT principles   |
| I9_NonAutonHCP      | Health Professional interactions that do not support autonomous motivation  |
| I10_LackInfoFIIT    | Lack of access to reliable information about type 1 diabetes and its management using FIIT principles               |
| I11_LackSupport     | Lack of support from friends and family on diabetes-related issues  |
| I12_LowConFIIT      | Low confidence in decision making about use of FIIT principles  |
| I13_ProcAvoid       | Thinking patterns associated with procrastination or avoidance in relation to self-management                       |
| I14_EffortReward    | Low effort/reward trade-off for engaging in FIIT  |
| I15_Hopelessness    | Hopelessness about long-term consequences of type 1 diabetes  |
| I16_LackSelfCompass | Lack of self-compassion in situations where self-management feels difficult or does not result in expected outcomes |
| I17_HighBurden      | Perceived burden associated with enacting FIIT principles and other diabetes self-management behaviours             |
| I18_NegEmoState     | Negative emotional states associated with enacting FIIT principles  |

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