

Cost Effective and Realistic Ways to Achieve Behaviour Change

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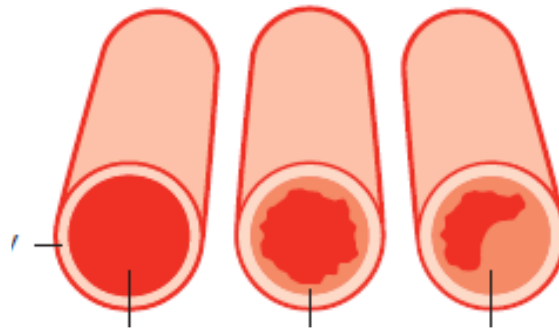
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This talk

- a) What works for (long-term) behaviour change
- b) Discussion: What might be realistic in practice?
- c) Can we do it cheaper (or more cost-effectively)?

A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IS NOT NORMAL

- 65% of UK adults overweight or obese
- Only 35% get 150 minutes of physical activity (**10%** if you use objective measures)





“You are swimming against the current”



Chris Salisbury, 2013

It's a tricky problem!

**It is possible for people to
change**



It is possible to support lifestyle change



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EXAMPLES OF SUCCESS: WEIGHT LOSS AT 12 MONTHS

	N	Weight Loss (Kg)	Pop
Clinical trials			
Look – AHEAD [1]	5145	7.9	T2D
US DPP [2]	3234	6.7	IGT

1. Wadden et al, *Arch Int Med* 2010; 170:1566-75
2. Knowler et al, *NEJM*, 2001;346:393-403

But is it feasible?

EXAMPLES OF “REAL WORLD” SUCCESS: WEIGHT LOSS AT 12 MONTHS

	N	Weight Loss (Kg)	Pop
Real world trials			
Early ACTID [3]	345	2.4	T2D
Weight Watchers [4]	200	2.8	Obese /ow



3. Andrews et al, Lancet 2011;378:129-39

4. Jebb et al., Lancet 2011;378:1485-92

EXAMPLES OF REAL WORLD SUCCESS: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

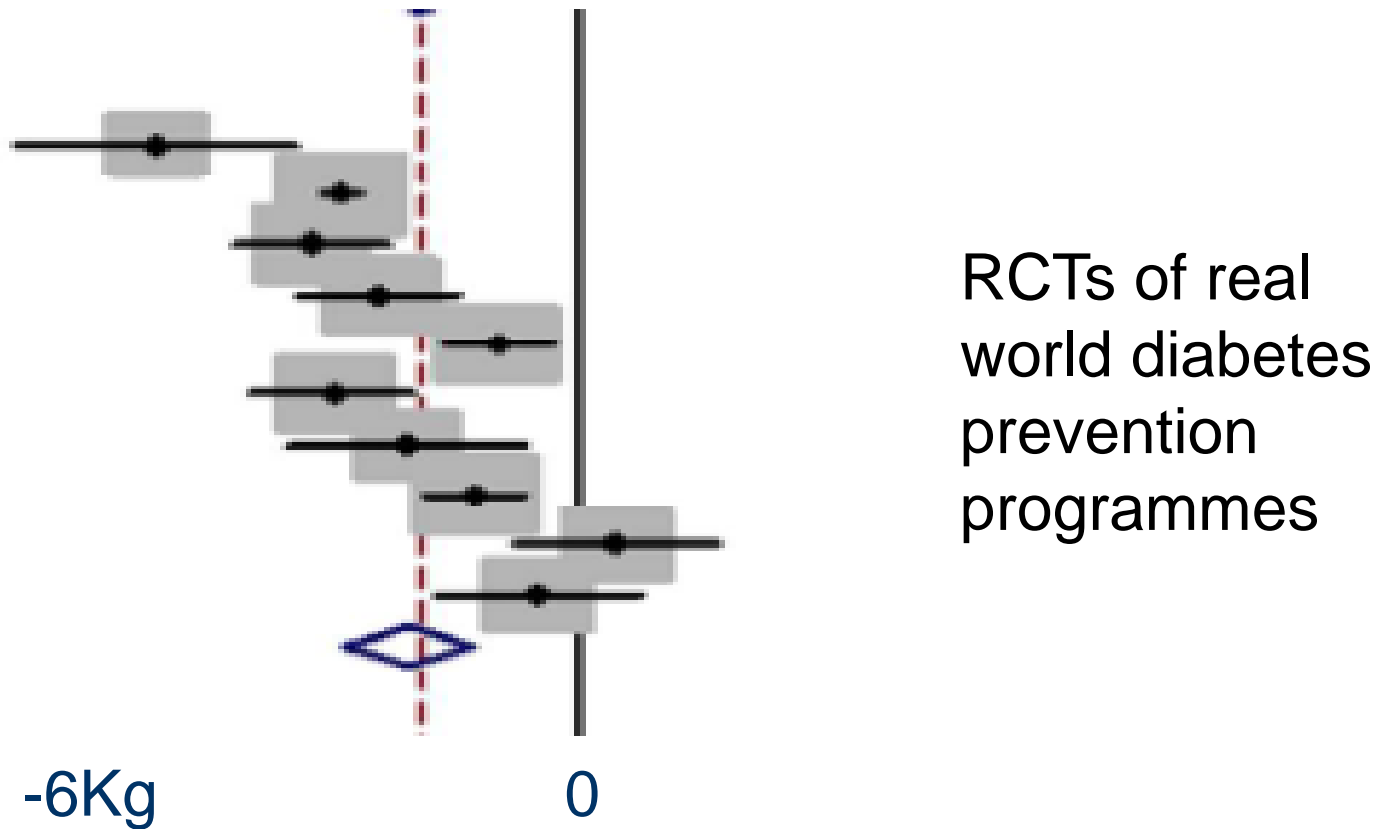
Based on objective measures at 12 months

	N	Change	Pop
Yates et al. [5]	57	1902 steps /day	IGT
Early-ACTID [6]	345	33 mins /wk mvpa	T2D

5. *Diabetes Care*, 2009

6. *Lancet*, 2011

BUT ... There are huge variations in intervention effectiveness



Dunkley et al. *Diabetes Care* 2014

Why do results vary so dramatically?

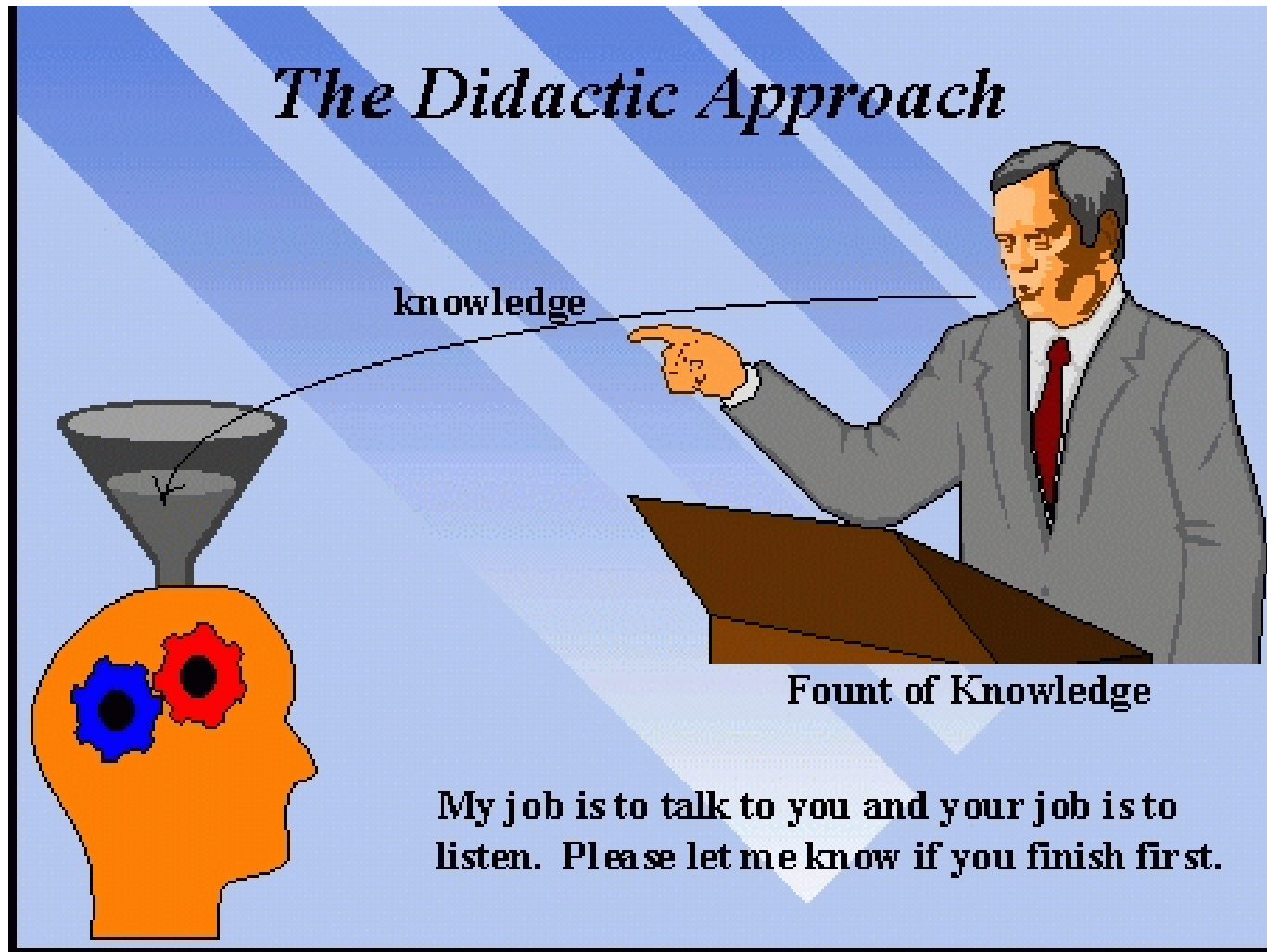
- The content of the intervention may be important?
- The delivery might be important?



What content is important for real-world interventions?

- What does the evidence base say?

What doesn't work?



What doesn't work?

- Information-only /telling people what they need to do
 - 7% of people achieve 5% weight loss six months later (Greaves et al, BJGP, 2008)
- Brief advice from health professionals
 - 2-3% of smokers become long term abstainers (Srivastava et al, *BMJ* 2006, **332**;1324-1326)

So what does work?



Supporting change in diet and physical activity behaviour for adults at risk of type 2 diabetes: A systematic review of reviews

Colin Greaves, Kate Sheppard, Charles Abraham, Wendy Hardeman, Michael Roden, IMAGE Study Group, Peter Schwarz

Greaves et al. *BMC Public Health* 2011 (open access)

Aims of review

To identify **intervention components** which are associated with **a)** increased physical activity **b)** dietary change in populations at risk of type 2 diabetes (including overweight /obesity)

Behavioural targets

Interventions which promote **PA as well as dietary change** produce greater weight loss than those which promote diet change only at up to 24 mths

1+

Behaviour change techniques

Adding social support (usually family) increases weight loss at 12 months (+3Kg)	1+
The planned use of established behaviour change techniques (e.g. relapse prevention, goal setting) significantly increases weight loss (+ 4.5 Kg) at 6 months	1+

Behaviour change techniques

Prompting self-monitoring alongside other **self-regulation** or 'learning from experience' techniques doubled effect size*

Goal-setting, self-monitoring, review of progress, problem-solving /relapse management, review of goals

2+



* Both diet & physical activity

Behaviour change techniques

Motivational interviewing is effective for short-term weight reduction (≤ 6 mths)	1++
Using pedometers to promote walking produce modest weight loss and moderate increases in PA (≤ 12 mths)	1+



Intensity

A **greater frequency** or number of meetings was associated with greater effectiveness in dietary and /or physical activity interventions at up to 15 months

2++



SUMMARY: WHAT WORKS FOR WEIGHT LOSS?

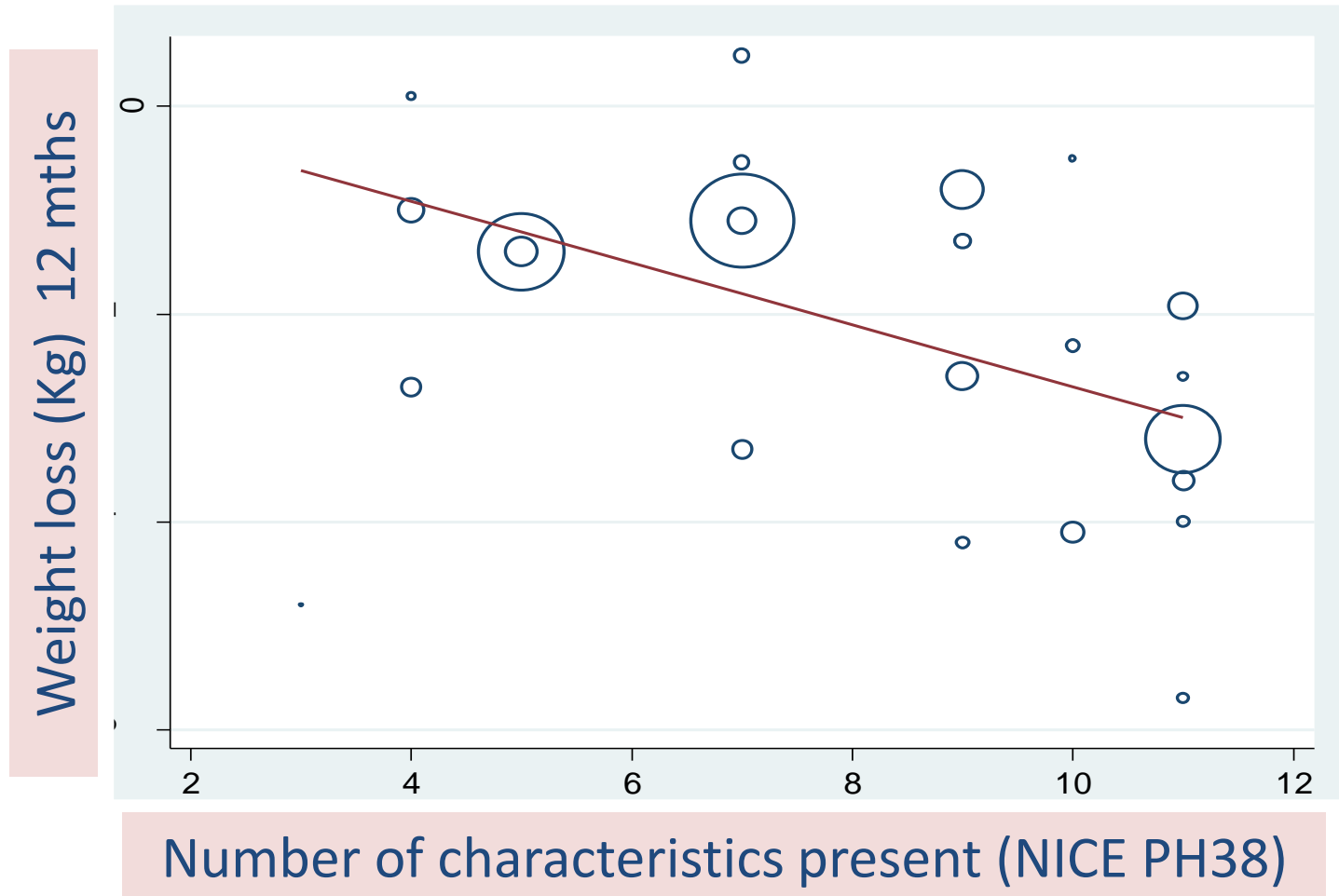
1. Target diet and PA
2. Use established behaviour change techniques
3. Engage social support (esp. family)
4. Maximise contact time or frequency /no of contacts
5. Use self-regulation techniques (Goal setting; Self-monitoring; Feedback on performance; Review of goals)
6. Exploring reasons for change and confidence about change (e.g. using motivational interviewing)

NICE GUIDANCE FOR DIABETES PREVENTION (PH38)

All the above, plus ...

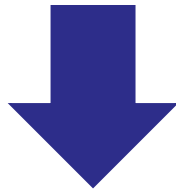
7. Use a group size of 10-15
8. Ensure programmes adopt a person-centred, **individually tailored**, empathy-building approach
9. Allow time between sessions, spreading them over a period of 9-18 months
10. Provide information to raise awareness of the benefits of and types of lifestyle changes needed
11. Gradual building of confidence (self-efficacy) by setting achievable and sustainable goals and graded progression

How much does it matter?

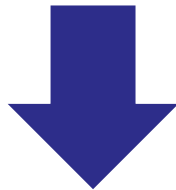


0.3 Kg extra weight loss per recommendation implemented

- Diabetes prevention PH38 (2012)



- Behaviour change PH49 (2013)



- Managing overweight PH53 (2014)

Is delivery quality important?

- YES
- No evidence (but do we need it?)

The importance of delivery (and training)



1 trainer



100 trainees



10,000 patients

Invest Here!!

**Who can deliver these techniques
/how easy is it?**

Quality of delivery following 2 days of training on behaviour change techniques

Quality checking of recordings of ~50 sessions across 3 studies using nurses and non-NHS lifestyle coaches*

- Providers use behaviour change techniques well although often miss opportunities
- Some excellent (around 40-50%), some don't get it at all (~30%). Most could benefit from further training

*MESH, NDPS, Waste the Waist

How can we improve delivery?

- More intensive training (typical 2 day)
- Formative feedback: Trainer and trainee listen to consultation recordings and discuss
- Involves more resource, but could be worth it?

Can we do it cheaper (or more cost-effectively)?

NB: these are two different questions!

Cost Effectiveness

Value for money (NICE CG 189, 2014)

- A programme costing £100 or less where 1 kg of weight is lost and *maintained for life* will be cost-effective
- For programmes costing £500 per head, it is estimated that an average 2 kg weight differential must be maintained for life to achieve cost-effectiveness

Value for money: SCHaRR /SPHR

- SCHaRR have developed a health economic model of diabetes screening and prevention which allows input and comparison of multiple scenarios
- Diabetes prevention programmes should save £15 to £23 per person, depending on subgroup targeted
- Screening and intervening with high risk individuals generated the greatest 10-year and lifetime benefits
- Soft drinks taxation and retail policy are more effective at distributing benefits to the least deprived socioeconomic groups

Can we do it cheaper?

- Particularly important in this time of financial constraint.
- Most dietitians have a limited amount of time to see patients – 20-30 minutes for a new patient and 10 minutes for a follow up
- NICE guidelines suggest you need 16 hours of contact time over 18 months
- So how to square this circle?

Discussion

- How to minimise cost of delivery?
 - engage **social support**
 - planned use of **established behaviour change techniques**
 - **Goal-setting, self-monitoring, review of progress, problem-solving /relapse management, review of goals**
 - **Motivational interviewing /individual tailoring**
 - promote **PA as well as diet change**
 - **Maximise frequency /intensity of contact**

Possible ideas

- See people in groups
 - 1 hour of dietitian time x ten 90-min sessions = 15 hours.
 - For a group of 15 people, this is 1 hour of dietitian time per patient
- Dietitians support lower-cost staff to deliver
- Expert programme design (NICE-recommended techniques) to maximise effectiveness
- Ensure high quality training to maximise bang for your bucks (costs more, but more cost-effective?)

Other ideas

- Sign up to help deliver the National Diabetes Prevention Programme
 - Funded proper treatment for people with pre-diabetes
 - Will free up other resources to work on other population
 - Some interventions also include people with T2D
- Supplement with apps, mobile technology
- Work with voluntary sector
- Social Impact Bonds?

Ongoing research

- Maintenance research
 - Techniques available online in 2017
- Digital media interventions
- What makes groups work?
- Managing impulses /cravings

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SUMMARY

- We CAN change diet and physical activity
- Good design is important - intervention content and delivery quality mediate effectiveness
- We need innovative ways to drive down costs without compromising effectiveness
- We need better methods for supporting long term maintenance

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