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- You are careful when using ambiguous language or humour that may inadvertently offend.
- You are patient and supportive of other users.
- You do not make unwarranted criticism, abusive or libellous comments about other people or organisations, commercial or non-commercial.
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- b) Our websites do not make claims to the benefit or performance of any health treatments, commercial products or services.
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- d) Our websites are updated frequently, often daily. Some content is automated through various feed mechanism and therefore it is unlikely that we will provide a last modification date on pages. Where possible, we will provide these, e.g. in news feeds etc.
- e) The NHF has adopted a critical appraisal policy outlining how we select and appraise information. We also abide by an internal ethical framework, which applies when selecting and providing information.
- f) Any communication or material that you transmit to, or post on, any public area of the site including any data, questions, comments, suggestions or the like is, and will be treated as, non-confidential and non-proprietary information (See also Community rules). Communication or material posted in members only areas, e.g. PANacea or a closed network discussion forum, content will remain confidential to those with access to that area. Please familiarise yourself fully with our eligibility criteria for those areas.

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- a) The NHF does not accept sponsored advertising on any of our websites. We do not accept payment for any features, content or listings on the websites.
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Any questions regarding the website or these T&Cs should be sent to [webadmin\[at\]heartforum.org.uk](mailto:webadmin[at]heartforum.org.uk)

14. About the National Heart Forum

The National Heart Forum is based in London with small integrated teams of staff working on policy research and development, epidemiological and economic modelling of chronic diseases and on information provision. The NHF's work contributes to public health policy thinking and initiatives at the national, global and local levels.

The NHF is host to Health Action Partnership International (HAPI) – a community interest company working across the world to promote action to address the social and economic determinants of health.

The NHF also hosts the Obesity Learning Centre, an online resource for people working in obesity prevention and healthy weight management, which is supported by the Department of Health and Department of Education.

A subsidiary company of the NHF (Micro Health Simulations) offers consultancy for epidemiological modelling work, to clients working internationally, nationally and locally.

The NHF is publicly funded through grants and contracts from charities, government and statutory agencies and from membership subscriptions. It does not accept funds from commercial organisations.

The NHF mission statement is available: <http://www.heartforum.org.uk/who-we-are/our-mission/>
Find out about our people: <http://www.heartforum.org.uk/who-we-are/our-people/>

15. Websites

The NHF hosts the following websites:

www.heartforum.org.uk

www.obesitylearningcentre-nhf.org.uk

www.panacealink.org.uk

www.hapi.org.uk

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