Migraine is a complex and often devastating neurological condition

There are many different types and each one affects people differently

Linda
UK Visas and Immigration

“I developed hemiplegic migraine when I was 52. At first it was very frightening because it mimics the symptoms of a stroke. I was hospitalised several times.

Now I’ve been diagnosed and have a brilliant manager who has taken the time to understand my condition. Things have become much easier at work.”
Tell your line-manager if you have migraine that is affecting you at work

They want to help make your working life better

Gary
Department for Work and Pensions

“My manager and I worked together to find a number of small changes to how I had been working that enable me to work more effectively with my migraine. My working life is so much better now.”
Rob is one of thousands of civil servants across the UK who works with migraine

By understanding more about the condition you can help your colleagues be their best self

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“I coped alone with chronic migraine until my line-manager showed me that support was available; I just needed to ask. He changed my working life by acknowledging my migraine isn’t ‘just a headache’ and supporting me to make small workplace changes, like natural light and quiet spaces. He helped me seek out and use all the organisational support available, such as a ‘workplace adjustment passport’ for when I move between assignments. It captures everything he helped me put in place.”

Louise
Department for Work and Pensions
Migraines can be debilitating
Having amazing colleagues can help make life better

Zamila
Director, International & EU,
Department for Education

“My migraines occur once or twice a month, triggered by changes in light, temperature or noise, and my menstrual cycle. I have to cancel meetings, rush home and lay down in the dark. My line-manager and team are great. They’ve learned to spot the signs and support me in taking the time I need to recover.”