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Camp for superheroes

DIABETIC KIDS MAKE FRIENDS

TWO children living with type 1 diabetes were given the chance to be superheroes at a Diabetes WA and Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) camp this month.

The superhero themed camp enabled Andrew Horridge (11), from Stirling, and Medbh Flanagan (12), from Joondanna, to meet 30 other children from around WA who also live with the auto-immune condition.

Andrew, who was diagnosed at eight, said he enjoyed being at camp where everyone understood what he was going through.

"It's been great to meet others with type 1 diabetes," he said.

"Most of the time people assume I ate too much sugar but I was born with it - these guys get it."

Type 1 diabetes affects more than 11,000 West Australians who depend on daily insulin injections and numerous blood glucose checks to survive.

The children had to juggle an active schedule of sport and team-building games while treating their condition by checking their blood-glucose levels, counting the carbohydrates in their meals and administering their insulin.

Medbh, who was diagnosed at age 10, said she enjoyed all the activities at the camp.



Andrew Horridge and Medbh Flanagan at the camp.

"My favourite part of camp has been making new friends with people who have diabetes and understand what it's like," she said.

Diabetes WA community relations co-ordinator Jarnia Davies said the camp was a chance for the children to