

ACCESS TO PODIATRY SERVICES IN DORSET

These guidelines are not prescriptive

PATIENTS WHO ARE DEFINITELY ELIGIBLE (to be assessed by a podiatrist)

- Diabetic patients who have high risk feet e.g. current or a history of foot ulceration
- Patients who have either ulceration or bacterial infection of the feet including ingrown toenails

PATIENTS WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Patients who have:

- poor circulation
- neuropathy of the feet
- painful podiatric condition(s)
- Painful Biomechanical problems e.g. plantar fasciitis
- Rheumatology/ immuno suppressed condition(s)

PATIENTS WHO MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE

- Diabetics who are classed as low risk (have a good blood supply, no neuropathy and no podiatry needs)
- Diabetics who are classed as increased risk and who have no podiatry problems
- Patients who need nail care and who do not have poor circulation and/or neuropathy of the feet

TREATMENT PLANS

- All patients who are referred will be offered a course of treatment or discharged with the appropriate advice.
- Patients assessed as high risk will continue to receive care for as long as necessary
- Patients assessed as low risk or increased risk may be discharged.

Diabetic Foot screening

- All diabetic patients who meet our eligibility criteria will be screened by the podiatrist annually. A copy should be forwarded to the practice.
- Patients who DO NOT meet our eligibility criteria should be screened annually by appropriately trained staff within the practice.