

Southampton City CCG – NICE Foot Care Pathway – November 2015 V1

Key Principles: 7 day working - Single point of access -Seamless integrated service where patients can transfer between levels, as needs escalate/de-escalate -Clear single set of quality standards and outcome measures

Level of risk	Setting of Care	Planned improvement	Benefits
Total pop. 11,854 Low risk 70% of the diabetes population (Approx. 8,000)	Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of annual foot check Consistent foot care scoring of risk Better provision of education leaflets to raise awareness Improved signposting to services in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better patient awareness and improved self-management for those at low risk to maintain status to prevent developing complications Improved management in primary care, through education, training
Medium to high risk Medium risk 20% (Approx. 2,500) High risk 5% (Approx. 500)	Community Diabetes Foot Protection team (DFPT) within Podiatry service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved management of those at medium to high risk by the DFPT with regular review, assessment and management. Onward referral to new MDT and combined foot care clinics Improved advice and guidance to primary care Better focus on education for patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access, more responsive and timely care Improved patient satisfaction Prevention of foot disease Improved management of ulceration by the foot protection team to prevent further complications
Acute (active) Foot Disease and Ulceration 5% of the diabetes population (Approx. 600)	Acute Multi-disciplinary team (MDT and Combined clinics) With access to podiatrists, diabetologist, vascular surgery, tissue viability nursing, orthopaedic surgery, orthotics, diabetic specialist nursing, radiology, microbiology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated specialist provision for those with active foot disease Joint working with community DFPT More effective use of resources Improved care and management for active foot disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to MDT and Combined Foot Care clinics to provide expert assessment and intervention. Reduction in unplanned and emergency admissions A move towards improved patient experience and outcomes through more planned admissions Reduction in major and minor amputations over the next 3 years Improved outcomes for the city to align with similar cities <p>Please note: Improved outcomes will start taking effect from 2016/17 but the aim to align the city's outcomes with its neighbours, especially for the reduction in amputation rates, will not be realised until 2018/19</p>