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# Your podiatry review/assessment explained

Information for patients who are receiving a house visit by the podiatrist for a review or assessment

**Podiatry Service Administration Office** 

Room 65 1829 Building
Countess of Chester Health Park
Liverpool Road
Chester CH2 1HJ

Telephone (01244) 385000 Visit <u>www.cwp.nhs.uk</u>

Office opening hours:

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.00pm



### Why am I being reviewed or assessed?

A review and assessment procedure for new and existing patients has been introduced, to help us identify those people with a definite medical and clinical need for treatment.

The review and assessment procedures ensure that everyone is reviewed or assessed fairly and consistently based on their medical need. The procedures do not discriminate on the basis of age.

# How do the review and assessment procedures work?

At your review or assessment appointment the podiatrist will:

- Assess and evaluate your foot health needs in relation to any medical conditions you may have.
- Establish your foot health needs and risk status (the risk predicts the chances of developing a pressure, neuropathic (loss of feeling) or ischaemic (loss of circulation) foot ulcer.

# What are the possible outcomes of a review and assessment?

Possible outcomes are:

- Discharge because you have good foot health and a no or low risk status.
- Given an episode of care and then discharged.
- Given an ongoing care plan that will be reviewed at regular intervals.
- Patients who would rather not receive the recommended treatment to resolve their condition will be discharged when appropriate to do so.
- Patients who are discharged will be given a discharge pack to help them maintain their good foot health which includes a list of Health Care Professions' Council (HCPC) State Registered Podiatrists.

Whilst we acknowledge that people currently receiving treatment may be concerned, those patients who medically require our specialist care and treatment will be unaffected.

# Can I appeal or seek a second opinion?

Unfortunately no; all patients will undergo a thorough and robust clinical assessment to ensure they have good foot health and are not at risk of developing a pressure, neuropathic or ischaemic foot ulcer before being discharged.

### Can I re-apply if my circumstances change?

Yes. If your medical circumstances change and you have a problem with your feet then you may become eligible for NHS podiatry treatment. Your GP, Practice Nurse, District Nurse or other visiting Health Care Professionals should make an application to us on your behalf.

#### What do I do if I have diabetes and develop a problem with my feet?

You can self-refer back into the service by writing to us or if your problem needs urgent attention you can call us on: 01244 385000.

### How can I prepare for the podiatrist's visit?

- Contact the Podiatry Service if there is anything we need to know when coming to visit you, for example are you able to answer the door?
- Please have ready a list of your medication (tablets).
- Have the shoes you wear most often available for the Podiatrist to look at.
- It would be very helpful if you could provide good light, adequate space and something to rest your feet on.
- Ideally hosiery should already be removed.
- Please refrain from smoking and keep pets out of the way while the podiatrist is with you.
- If you are unable to keep your appointment it would be appreciated if you could let us know at least 24 hours beforehand.
- If you do not let us know and you are not in when the podiatrist visits and we have been unable to contact you, you will be discharged and your GP will be informed.

# **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)**

The PALS ensures that the NHS listens to patients, relatives, carers and friends. It answers questions and resolves concerns as quickly as possible. If you have a query or concern telephone PALS directly on 0800 195 4462 or ask the podiatrist for a PALS information leaflet.

People who access our services are welcome to talk to the Team Manager if they are experiencing any problems with their care.