



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

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In the financial year 2015/16:

- Is there an established pathway for referral to a designated Foot Protection Service* for all people with diabetes who are defined as being at increased risk of foot ulcers** during annual foot risk surveillance***? Such referral should enable further expert assessment and long term risk management.

** Foot Protection Service means a service that is usually podiatry-led and community-based, that provides a recall and review system, patient education, callus/nail/skin management and offloading, and the provision of advice and/or appropriate support for people with diabetes who have feet at increased risk of ulceration.*

*** Foot risk categories are defined by defined by NICE: NICE guidelines [CG10], January 2004, [Type 2 diabetes foot problems: Prevention and management of foot problems](#) (please see paragraph 1.1.2.4). The services that should be available to people with different levels of risk are described in: Diabetes UK (2012) [Commissioning/planning a care pathway for foot care services for people with diabetes](#).*

**** Annual foot risk surveillance is usually carried out as part of a person's routine annual diabetes review.*

NHS West Norfolk CCG can confirm that there is a Specialist Diabetic Podiatrist covering both acute and community services.