

## **Podiatry Community Service Acceptance and Exclusion Criteria**

### **Acceptance Criteria**

Any person may be referred into the service but they must possess a specific medically related problem identified below highlighted on the referral **OR** they must fit one of the following categories:

- School children of 18 years or under (*Excluding treatments for of simple verrucae but include verrucae with complications, i.e. painful lesions requiring sharp debridement that would otherwise significantly impact on a patient's quality of life or ability to work*);
- Domiciliary visit to patients assessed as housebound within agreed protocols;
- Any person requiring nail surgical procedures for removal of part or a full nail to treat:
  - Fungal infections of nails.
  - Bacterial infection of nails. (Adolescent ingrown toenails).
  - Involuted or abruptly curved nails.

### **Specific medical related access**

Access will be available for the following classifications of patients irrespective of age classifications:

- Diabetics with complications or risk related to the feet as defined in the NICE Guideline on Diabetes management.
- Rheumatoid arthritis.
- Severe peripheral vascular disease including Raynaud's syndrome.
- Blood disorders whereby the immune status of the patient is compromised.
- Neurological dysfunction affecting the feet.
- Medications affecting vascular or neurological state.
- Children with pain resulting from deformities of the foot abnormal gait.
- Connective tissue disorders.
- Dermatological disorders (small simple areas of hard skin / corns are not classified as Dermatological disorders).
- Patients requiring nail surgical procedures.
- This is based on the at risk status rather than medical diagnosis alone

## Exclusion Criteria

- **The service will not deliver simple foot care procedures, defined as toenail cutting and skin care unless specifically for those patients, who are otherwise eligible for referral to the service. (Such as high risk patients with diabetic or vascular pathology).**
- Patients who do not have a podiatric need in line with the agreed access criteria.
- Patients that do not fit into the specific groups outlined above. These include:
  - Verrucae treatment requests.
  - Expectant mothers.
  - Patients who can provide self-care, i.e. toe nail cutting and skin care (unless clinically appropriate for high risk patients).
  - Patients who do not comply with agreed treatment objectives.
  - Patients with social / family support who can provide care. (This includes signposting to private podiatry support) based on clinical need.
  - Low risk diabetes presentation in line with NICE Guidance.
  - Patients with small amounts of callous and corns that have no medical presentation and hence are non-limb threatening – impact on quality of life and ability to work to be taken into account
  - Patients with fungal infections of skin.
  - Patients with mild / asymptomatic biomechanical problems.