

To be eligible for a podiatry assessment, you must fulfil one of the following criteria: -

- Have an ingrowing toe nail which is not resolving with regular cutting and requires nail surgery,
- An open/weeping sore or an inflamed or infected area of the foot
- Have diabetes
- Take anti-coagulants e.g. Warfarin, Heparin
- Have haemophilia
- Be on long term steroid medication e.g. Prednisolone tablets
- Have Rheumatoid Arthritis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (also known as “Lupus”) or a similar disorder
- Be at risk of infection as a result of chemotherapy, transplant operation or medical condition e.g. AIDS
- Have impaired foot circulation, also known as Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Severe foot deformity (this does not include bunion or hammer toe)
- Be registered blind
- Have a neurological condition e.g. Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy

If any of the above criteria apply, please fill in the attached application form with as much detail as possible, as this will be used to assess your eligibility for the Podiatry Service. The form can then be returned to Health Services at Wolves.

If you are not eligible for a podiatry assessment but would like further information, please contact the PCT Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) Co-ordinator by telephoning 0800 389 6973

What will happen to your application form?

The information given on your application form will be assessed:-

- If you do not appear to be eligible for further assessment, you will be advised.
- If you are eligible for further assessment, your application will be prioritised into one of two categories – urgent or routine.
- You will be contacted so an appointment can be arranged

What can you expect at your assessment appointment?

- Your medical and podiatric needs will be assessed
- You will be able to discuss your referral and any concerns that you have about your feet
- The podiatrist will agree a treatment plan with you, which may include foot care advice and discharge or involve further treatment

Your role in your assessment and any future appointments

- To notify us of any medications you are currently taking
- To notify us of any medical conditions you may have
- To contact the clinic if you are unable to attend an appointment
- To carry out any self-care you are advised to do

If you require further information, please contact: -

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**Opening hours: -
Monday to Wednesday 08.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 08.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

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Podiatry is the new name for chiropody. The Podiatry Service is aimed at maintaining the foot health of those with greatest need i.e. patients who risk damage/deformity to their feet as a result of high medical need and podiatric need.

This form is aimed at assisting you to decide whether you are eligible for a podiatric assessment.

It is important that the form is read carefully before completing the Podiatry Application Form.

Thank you.

Podiatry Application Information Leaflet

