

## **Podiatry Service Communications Statement**

From 1 May, the local Community Podiatry service will be provided by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust. The new contract, which was shaped following consultation with local patients in Scarborough and Ryedale and Vale of York, will be delivered by highly skilled podiatrists, trained in the prevention and diagnosis of lower limb issues. They will provide assessment, advice and treatment for patients across 38 community sites in North Yorkshire.

The services available include general core podiatry, nail surgery, management of high risk feet and muscular or skeletal imbalances and injuries.

The service will not provide simple foot care procedures, (defined as toe nail cutting and skin care, e.g. callous and corns), unless clinically appropriate for high risk patients such as high risk patients with diabetic or vascular pathology. Podiatry treatment will not be available to patients who can self-care or have social / family support who can provide care. The Harrogate District Hospital Podiatry Service website includes self-care information and signposting to other sources of podiatry support.

This is a re-award of a contract to Harrogate Hospital. Please continue to refer to the service as previously – however, all relevant documentation have been added to the RSS.

1. [Referral form PDF version](#)
2. [Referral form Word version](#)
3. [Referral acceptance and exclusion criteria](#)
4. Podiatry Decision Trees
  - [Biomechanics triage and assessment](#)
  - [Community triage and assessment](#)
5. [Referral pathway for Diabetic foot](#)

For further information about the service and access to patient leaflets / information guides please go to the [provider's Podiatry Service website](#).