

Swindon Community Podiatry

A Podiatrist can help you to improve or maintain your foot health and may help prevent problems occurring in the future.

We have five treatment venues across Swindon and we do our best to give you an appointment as close to home as possible but if you require a specialist intervention you may be asked to attend a clinic further away from home. We do see a very small amount of people in their own homes and a person must be totally housebound to receive a house visit.

What happens when I have been referred?

To see a podiatrist you need to be referred by a health care provider. All referrals are reviewed by a podiatrist who will make a decision based on the information provided as to who you will need to see. We are a small and specialised service and will always try to see you as soon as possible. As demand is high and our resources limited, we have a waiting list for treatment. People may be contacted at short notice by telephone to arrange the soonest appointment.

At your initial appointment your foot condition will be assessed. You will be asked about your medical history, medication, your foot problem, as well as assessment of your foot circulation and sensation. During the initial assessment we will discuss the options available for treatment (some may be carried out on the day), as well as helping you understand how you might manage your condition. You will be able to raise any concerns or questions you may have. The podiatrist will work with you to develop a plan to look after your feet, this will include-you or your family being encouraged to take responsibility for assisting with your foot health.

Podiatrists will often ask to review the footwear that you use on a daily basis and often make recommendations and changes to footwear so it can improve your foot health.

As a small specialist service, we prioritise supporting those people at risk of developing complex foot problems. People who may receive on-going treatment and care usually have a long term medical condition that can affect the feet or lower limb.

In addition, we can see people who require minor surgery for painful or infected in-growing toenails or those who have a Musculoskeletal conditions of the feet that require treatment.



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What should I do if I can't keep the appointment?

If you are unable to attend the appointment contact us as soon as possible to cancel or rearrange an appointment. Podiatry contact details are found below, when contacting us, if you leave a voice message, **include your name, contact details and a short message.**

Important information:

- The Podiatry Service does not routinely cut toenails. You can contact Professional Footcare 01793 671283.
- We do not actively treat Verrucae and/or warts for more information on the visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warts-and-verrucae/>

For more information please contact:

Community Podiatry Services
Swindon NHS Health Centre
1 Islington Street
Swindon
SN1 2DQ

Clinic and Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:30 – 17:00

(Telephone messages can be left on the answer machine, please include your name, contact numbers and a short message and we will return your call with 48 working hours, alternatively you can email)

Telephone: 01793 607860

Email: gwh.podiatryadmin@nhs.net

Smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

This information sheet is available to order in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email gwh.pals@nhs.net

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