

# Diabetic Foot Pathway

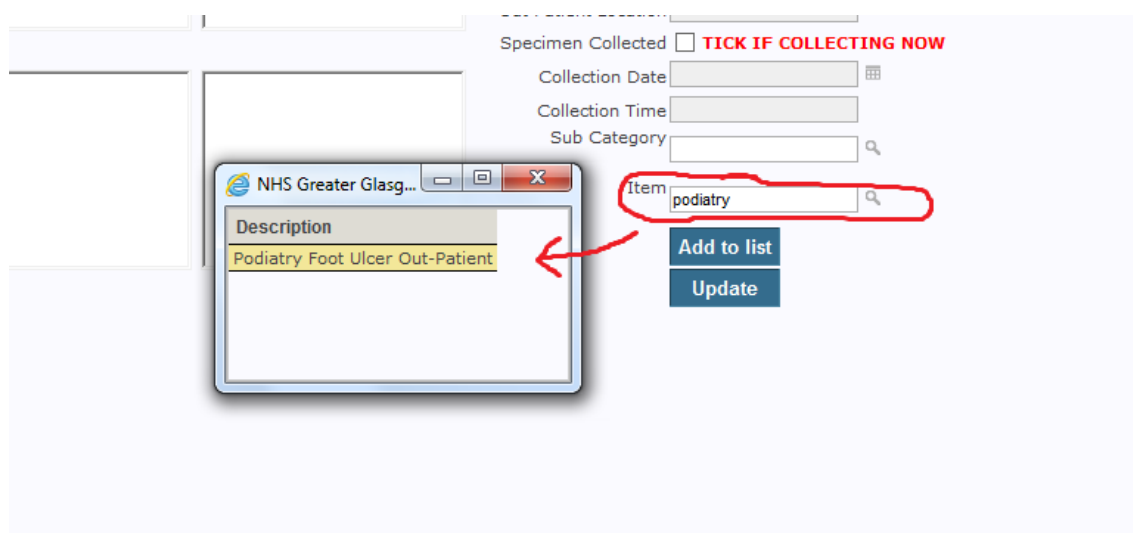
Wounds and injuries in the feet of people with diabetes (even if the diabetic control is good) can behave unusually, and take longer to heal than in people without diabetes.

Complications such as Charcot foot and osteomyelitis can frequently develop.

In GGC all people with diabetes and the following conditions should be seen in a hospital diabetes foot service:

- **Broken skin on the foot/ulceration**
- **Foot infection**
- **Fractures (below the level of the ankle) should be referred to the hospital diabetes foot clinic as well as to the fracture clinic**
- **Red, hot, swollen foot even in the presence of normal x-ray findings.**

If they present through A&E or Minor Injuries, a referral can be made to the podiatry team using TrakCare. This can be done using the “New Request” tab, and searching for “Podiatry” in the Item box as shown below:



The following screen will appear. Ensure to enter all the required information, along with up-to-date contact information for the patient.

Questions		
Request Items	Question	The Answer to Question
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Referral Guidance Notes</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Key Messages:</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	Please note that basic toenail cutting & general footcare is not provided by this service and is part of general personal hygiene care.	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	These types of referrals will not be accepted unless there is ulceration or threat of ulceration as a result of extreme nail pathology.	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	To access the full range of resources supporting "Personal Footcare" please click on the link below.	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Website</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Please be aware that Podiatry is not available via TrakCare for the following locations</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Green Field Park, Mearnskirk and Darnley Court.</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Current process at these sites will continue.</b>	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Is the Patient Diabetic?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Is the Patient over 65 years of Age?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Reason for Referral</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	If other please give details	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	Other Information e.g. Estimated Discharge Date	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Is Patient already known to the Podiatry Service?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Is a DN Discharge Treatment Plan in place?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	If yes please state	
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	Estimated Discharge Date?	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Interpreter Required?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Ambulance Transport Required for an Out-Patient Appointment?</b>	<input type="text"/>
Podiatry Foot Ulcer Out-Patient	<b>Requestor's contact details</b>	<input type="text"/>

The diabetic foot service does not work out of hours and will not see emergency drop-in patients. All urgent referrals aim to be reviewed within 2 working days.