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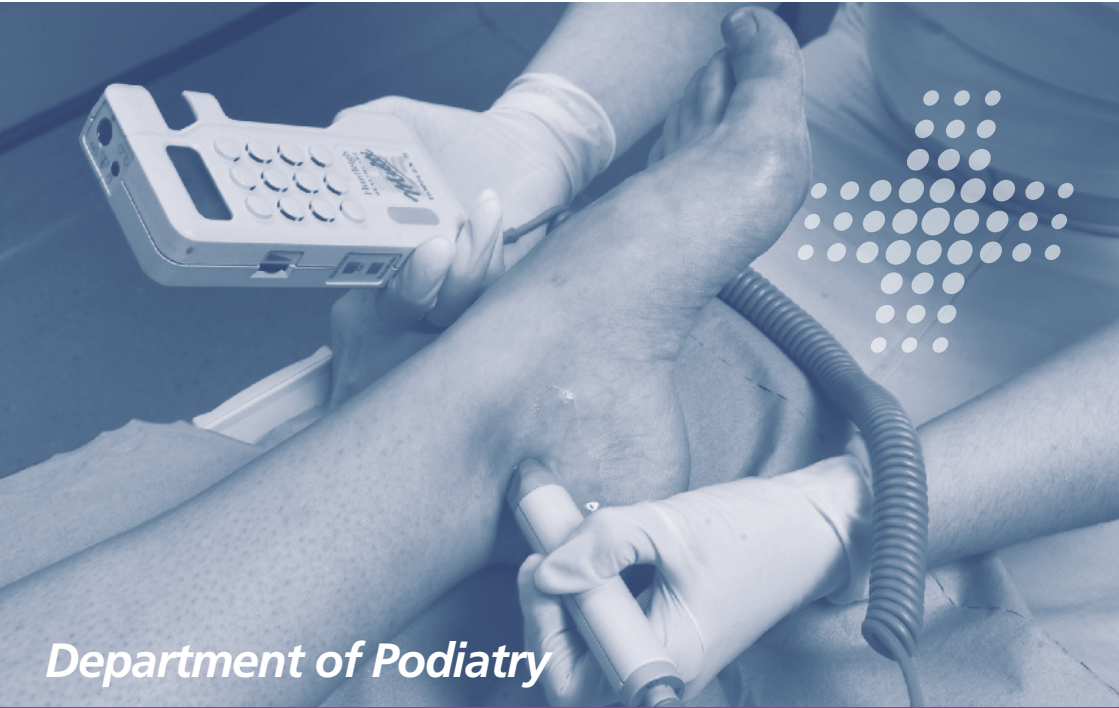


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Information for patients about podiatry



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What is podiatry?

Podiatry can be defined as:

“The assessment, diagnosis and treatment of lower limb conditions, specifically those in the foot and ankle.”

Who works in podiatry?

Here in Rotherham the department employs:

- Podiatrists.
- Podiatry Assistants.
- Clerical Staff.

Podiatrists are Allied Health Professionals (AHP's) who have undergone 3 years full time or 4 years part time training leading to a BSc in Podiatric Medicine. This enables them to become HPC registered.

They are independant practitioners who can be consulted without a referral from a doctor.



What does podiatry treat?

Podiatry provides a comprehensive range of treatments which include:

- Diagnostic Assessment.
- Health Promotion.
- Palliative Treatment.
- Wound Management.
- Nail Surgery/Minor Surgery.
- Biomechanical Assessment.
- Insole/Orthotic Provision.
- Podiatric Surgery.



What will happen at my assessment?

Your assessment appointment will last approximately 20–30 minutes and be conducted by a Podiatrist, or a Podiatry Assistant who is working under the supervision of the Podiatrist. Questions will be asked about your health, and any medication you are currently taking including whether you have any allergies. Your foot/lower limb will then be assessed and you will be told if we can provide you with treatment. Your treatment will be explained and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions.



Depending on your problem and the treatment involved, it is not usually possible to provide treatment on the day of your assessment. Instead, a further appointment will be arranged for your care to commence.

It is important to note, that being referred for podiatry assessment does not necessarily mean you require our care.

What happens if podiatry treatment is not helping?

Your treatment is regularly re-assessed to ensure you are receiving the most appropriate care. Occasionally, the treatment being provided is not working, or no longer appropriate. If this is the case, the Podiatrist will be able to refer you on to either a specialist within the department, or another health professional.

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Your podiatry appointment

The following appointment has been made for you to attend for podiatry assessment.

Date

Time

Location

If you are unable to keep this appointment, please contact us as soon as possible.

Please note

If you fail to attend for your appointment without prior notice you will be discharged, unless these are exceptional circumstances. Patients are requested to provide at least 24 hours notice to cancel or change an appointment. Please arrive in good time for your appointment. Patients attending late will be seen at the discretion of the Podiatrist or re-appointed.

Thank You

We value your comments

If you have any comments or concerns about the care we have provided, please let us know, or, alternatively, you can write to:

Patient Services

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

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Telephone 01709 424461

Email complaints@rothgen.nhs.uk

If you require this document in another language, large print, braille or audio version, please contact Patient Information on 01709 424281.

How to contact us

The Appointments Office at Rotherham Community Health Centre deals with all general enquiries regarding our services. Please find their contact details below

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