

Podiatry Department

Appointment criteria



Why have I been sent this leaflet?

The Podiatry Department helps people who have foot problems and need extra care.

This leaflet helps you to check if we can see you. Please read it carefully before you complete the podiatry form we sent you.

Who can have a podiatry appointment?

You can ask for an appointment if you have one or more of the following problems:

- A painful in-growing toenail that is not getting better with regular cutting and requires nail surgery
- An open/weeping sore or an inflamed/infected area of the foot
- Have diabetes
- You take blood-thinning medicine such as Warfarin, Heparin, Apixaban
- A bleeding condition such as haemophilia
- You take steroid tablets, such as Prednisolone
- Rheumatoid, Psoriatic Arthritis (not osteoarthritis), Lupus or Scleroderma
- Medicine that lowers your immune system such as post-transplant
- A higher risk of infection, such as from cancer treatment or an organ transplant
- Peripheral arterial disease
- A congenital foot deformity such as Talipes (not bunions or hammer toes)
- You are registered blind
- Cerebral Palsy
- You are having end-of-life care.

What do I need to do?

If any of these apply to you:

- Fill in the form
- Give as much information as you can.

If you have a wound or ingrowing toenail, it is important to also send a photograph. This helps us to see how serious it is.

The completed form should be returned to:

Podiatry Department
Health Services at Wolves
The Martin Dawes Stand
Winwick Road
Warrington. WA2 7NE

You can also email the form to: Bchft.podiatrywarrington@nhs.net

Please send photos to the same email address.

What happens next?

A foot specialist (podiatrist) will look at your form.

If you do not meet the rules, we cannot offer an appointment

If you do meet the rules, we will put you on the waiting list

We will let you know by letter, text, or phone.

What happens at the appointment?

At your appointment, the podiatrist will:

- Look at your feet
- Talk to you about any problems
- Decide what care you need.

This may be advice, treatment, or no further care.

How can I help?

You can help by:

- Telling us what medications you are take
- Telling us about any health problems
- Letting us know if you cannot come to your appointment
- Following the advice you are given.

Contact information

Podiatry Department telephone number: 01925 946682

Email: Bchft.podiatrywarrington@nhs.net

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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