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## REQUEST

1. Does your trust operate a foot protection service, as recommended by NICE guideline NG19 on 'Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management'?
2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, please state the number of podiatrists and orthotists employed within this service.
3. If the answer to Q1 is yes, is this service led by a podiatrist with specialist training in diabetic foot problems, as recommended by NICE guideline NG19 on 'Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management'?
3. If the answer to Q1 is no, please provide a reason for this.

## RESPONSE

We do not have a 'Foot Protection Service' within our Hospital Trust. This is community based.

As per NICE NG19 a foot protection service is a community-based service for prevention and management of diabetic foot problems. This is in place and podiatry-led (5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust).

We have a Multidisciplinary foot team (MDFT) which currently delivers 2 clinics per week within the Diabetes Centre at St Helens Hospital. This has input from a Consultant Diabetologist, Diabetes Nurse, 2 podiatrists (per clinic), and Orthotics. Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT) service is also available, with Orthopaedic and Vascular input by referral. The MDFT do work closely with, and accept referrals from, the community based Foot Protection Service but these are separate entities.

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