

The College of Foot Health Practitioners provides a much-needed public service to the people of the local towns

Residents of several local towns are dependent upon our clinics for treatment of their foot care concerns. Mature students in process of their practical training deliver much-needed care and treatment under podiatric supervision to people whose feet are in very real need of constant and regular attention and monitoring. That care is specialist care and the service is not available from the NHS, or elsewhere.

Patients attending the clinics have genuine foot problems that restrict and diminish their mobility and life-quality. They may suffer from diabetes mellitus and peripheral vascular disease, and be threatened with potential ulceration that could lead to possible amputation unless they are seen at regular intervals.

Foot Health Practitioners are independent and autonomous practitioners. They are trained to deliver their services as they see fit, as professional people.

Practitioners should:

- Remain aware of the latest advice from the NHS and Government
- Ring before visiting to ensure that their patient is in good health
- Withdraw from visiting patients if their own personal health is sub-optimal
- Keep space between yourself and your patient
- Limit the visit time to the shortest duration to reduce exposure
- Wash and sanitise your hands before treatment
- Use disposable paper towels
- Wear a face-mask, gloves and apron whilst with the patient
- Wash and sanitise your hands on leaving the patient
- Apply their training and professional understanding at all times.