

SCOTTISH DIABETES GROUP: FOOT ACTION GROUP

Meeting held in Stirling Royal Infirmary Conference Centre Room 1
On Friday 7 September 2007 @ 2pm

Present: Graham Leese (Chair): Duncan Stang: Kathleen Spence:
Suzanne Ralston: Fay Crawford: Greg Jones: William Munro: Brian Kennon:
Joanne McCardle: Matthew Young: Kay Brown

Apologies: Alison Rodgers: Andrew Jamieson: David Wykes: Gordon Jack:
Helen Hopkinson: John McColl: Ian Smith: Vicki Green: Sandra Jones.

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1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone present and accepted apologies from the above noted.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting accepted with the addition of Alison Rodgers as being present.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING	
a)	<p>SCI-DC</p> <p>Duncan Stang (DS) gave an update on where podiatry were in relation to SCI-DC. Foot screening would be hosted on Network and Ulcer Management would be hosted on GCS. Ulcer Management is due to be piloted in the three acute sites in Lanarkshire and it was agree that the pilot would be as close to the (live) situation as possible. The training for the Lanarkshire Podiatry staff is due to take place on 17 September in Moniefieth but this may well be delayed as ATOS, the service provider, may not be ready for this in time. This may result in a four week delay in the start of the pilot.</p> <p>Brian Kennon (BK) asked if the information from SCI-DC could be broken down into individual clinics rather</p>	

<p>b)</p>	<p>than grouped as health boards which would provide a better audit facility. DS to contact Gordon Jack for confirmation re this.</p> <p>Patient Information Leaflets</p> <p>DS informed the group that at the last meeting of the Scottish Diabetes Specialist Podiatrist Group (SDSP) on 21 August the issue of patient information was discussed. The SDSP decided that the information leaflets from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board would, with some slight alterations, be adopted and recommended as a suitable example of foot care leaflets. These included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low risk 2. At risk 3. Neuropathy 4. Ischaemia 5. Holiday feet 6. Footwear 7. Looking after your ulcer <p>The Foot Action Group (FAG) members advised that these leaflets should not just be recommended as an example of suitable leaflets but should be encouraged to be adopted Nationally with the removal of local foot care leaflets to avoid confusion. DS to circulate a set of leaflets to the group. It was also suggested that a leaflet on the Charcot foot would be added to the list.</p> <p>The group also suggested that Diabetes UK and the Patient Focus Implementation Group were contacted regarding approval of these leaflets.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>
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SCOTTISH DIABETIC FOOT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GROUP (SDFWDG)

DS informed the group that the inaugural meeting of the SDFWDG had taken place on Friday 10 August 2007 in BMA Headquarters, Edinburgh.

DS intimated to the group that there was no Nationally agreed post-graduate accreditation/recognition for Diabetes Specialist Podiatrists and SDFWDG was set up to explore all the issues surrounding this.

A group discussion followed where it was agreed that although there would need to be an element of modular learning undertaken that gaining accreditation would mainly consist of work-based assessments. Matthew Young (MY) told the group that the only way this could be done would be to accredit certain centres around the country and to rotate staff through these centres to gain the clinical experience required. There would also need to be some form of retrospective recognition for Podiatrists who have specialised in Diabetic foot care over many years. Graham Leese (GL) expressed his concern to the group that trying to gain this accreditation could become extremely complicated and time consuming. He felt that some thought should be given to keeping the accreditation system as straightforward as possible. It was agreed that the people who will need to be contacted are NES, the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists and the AHP officer, Jackie Lundie.

The group also agreed that when there has been some progress made the FDUK would be informed and involved to ensure that a National standard is attained. DS commented that each member of the group had been given the task of mapping the core competencies required against a 'skills accelerator' which would take into consideration skills for health and KSF.

DS

<p>d)</p>	<p>FOOT SCREENING TRAINING DVD</p> <p>DS commented that the first meeting of the Foot Screening Group had taken place on 29 August 2007. Those present included DS: VG: KB: SR: Philip Johnstone from the Small Video Company. (Minutes from this meeting were circulated to the group). A future meeting between KB and DS has been arranged to complete the final scripting of the new DVD.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>NATIONAL BASELINE DATA ON FOOT SCREENING</p> <p>GL presented the information that has been collected on patients undergoing SCI-DC foot screening in Scotland in each health board in 2006 - 2007. These figures were reported anonymously but it was agreed that the figures would be sent out to each health board highlighting their own figures so they could compare how they were performing against other health boards.</p>	<p>GL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>INTERIM RESULTS OF FOOT SERVICES SURVEY</p> <p>DS informed the group that the Foot Services Survey had not been completed but was progressing well and the main area not completed was Glasgow. Both BK and GJ invited DS to visit their clinics where the Foot Services Survey could be discussed and completed.</p> <p>DS commented that from the initial findings of the survey that provision of orthotic services across the country was a major issue.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Orthotic Issues</p> <p>William Munro (WM) gave a presentation and agreed with DS that the level of orthotic service provision</p>	

around the country appeared to differ enormously and highlighted the main reasons for this were probably;

1. The general lack of resources for orthotic provision
2. The lack of clarity to who's budget the provision of orthotic services for people with Diabetes was charged against.
3. The possible lack of Specialist Orthotists working in Diabetes with the appropriate skills to treat/manage complicated Diabetic foot conditions
4. Current orthotic services are not tailored to the provision of Specialist Diabetes services.

DS agreed that the main problem seems to be the lack of appropriately skilled and/or motivated Orthotists country wide to treat/manage complicated Diabetic foot conditions

SR commented that there was a major problem with Primary Care staff gaining access to footwear and this was again believed to be down to the issue of identifying the budget to charge these services against.

WM circulated hard copies of the module descriptors for The Orthotic Management of the Diabetic Foot which included 15 specific learning outcomes from which he felt the competencies should be based and a copy of the Diabetes Workforce Plan from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

WM to meet with the director of the NCTEPO at Strathclyde University to discuss implementation of these plans.

WM

7.	<p>Rolling Roadshows</p> <p>DS commented that he had met with GL and a form of 'Rolling Roadshow' had been discussed.</p> <p>It is proposed that this would take the form of a half day event in 6 or 7 locations around the country to launch the new SCI-DC screening program with the accompanying training DVD.</p> <p>It was envisaged that the personnel attending the events would consist of Podiatrists, District Nurses, Practice Nurses GP's and Patients</p>	
8.	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>7th December 2007 venue TBC</p>	