

Dear All,

Please find attached the first draft of the clinical competency framework for the foot in diabetes that has been developed in collaboration with the 'Scottish Diabetes Foot Action Group' and 'Skills for Health'. The document has also had input from a wide range of stakeholders including orthotists, managers, NES, diabetes consultants and educational representatives.

This is now the opportunity for you to comment on this Framework Document and this consultation process will inform the structure and content of the final document

The document is in the early stages of formation and it is not at an implementation stage yet. We want all stakeholders to be involved in this from the outset and attain consensus on the document structure and content in the first instance. The competency and dimension levels on this document are NOT to be confused with 'Agenda for Change' (AFC) bandings and it is not intended to replace the current AFC bandings.

This document was based on the podiatry framework of the same name and is for the same purpose, however, some changes have been made to make it specific to orthotics and an extra dimension has been added for Orthotic Intervention and once this is agreed will be fitted into the main framework at each level along with the other dimensions, it remains separate at the moment to allow easier reading of this dimension as this is the most important to orthotics and would welcome your input particularly on this dimension.

There is a 'SurveyMonkey' poll (link below) that accompanies this document and we ask that you use this as the route to for your comments.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RQPTBWN>

Please disseminate this to any appropriate individuals or groups that you think will be interested in reading and commenting on the framework. This is not an exclusive consultation and we will welcome comments from all parties.

To allow us to collate the responses for the event, we would like to ask that you complete any comments on the 'SurveyMonkey' poll by Sunday February 14th 14:00 hrs.

Thank you

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