



Dear Colleague

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ENTITLEMENTS FOR 2011/12

Quality and Outcomes Framework: Diabetes (DM) indicator 29 SCI-DC electronic foot risk screening tool

Summary

1. This circular has been prepared to clarify that use of the SCI – DC electronic foot risk screening tool is not mandatory in relation to the above QOF indicator, but a recommendation.

Background

2. PCA(M)(2011)16 issued on 25 October 2011 introduced the revised Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) for GMS Contractors , an electronic copy of the SFE can be found on the NHS website at:

[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2011\(M\)16.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2011(M)16.pdf)
3. The final paragraph under the heading Diabetes 29.1 Rationale on page 178 currently reads as “In NHS Scotland, foot risk is calculated by using the SCI-DC electronic foot risk screening tool which is based on the SIGN clinical guideline 116 foot risk algorithm and as such is recognised as best practice and encouraged for use in Scotland.”
4. In order to avoid ambiguity future wording of the SFE will be amended to replace the first “is” with “can be”.

Action

5. NHS Boards to note that the SCI-DC electronic foot risk screening tool is only one recommended tool and therefore its use by GP contractors should not be insisted upon.

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6. NHS Boards are asked to bring this circular to the attention of all Primary Care Leads and GP contractors.

Yours sincerely



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