#### DISCLAIMER.

The information contained in this leaflet has been summarised and provides a broad consumer understanding

and knowledge of foot health topics.

The information should not be considered complete and

should not be used in place of a visit, call, consultation

or advice of your HCPC Registered Chiropodist, Podiatrist,

Or G. P.

The information does not recommend the self management

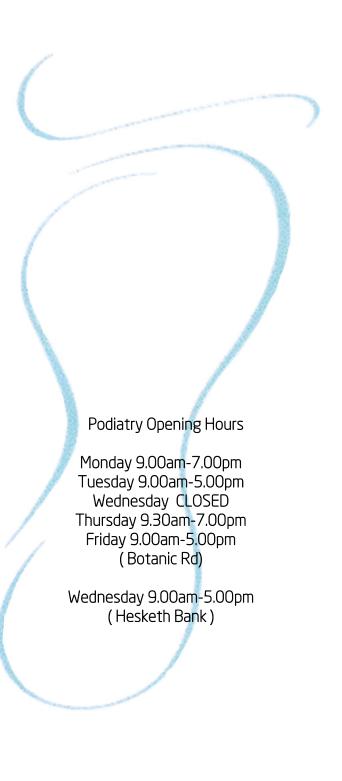
of foot health problems. Information obtained by reading

this leaflet is not exhaustive and does not cover all Diseases, Ailments, Physical conditions or their treatment.

Should you have any foot health care related questions

please call or see your HCPC Registered Chiropodist / Podiatrist or G. P. or other health care provider promptly.

You should never disregard medical advice or delay seeking it because of something you have read.



## **GENERAL FOOTCARE**



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#### DAILY ROUTINE.

Proper foot care is essential to healthy painless feet, and should be as much a part of your daily routine as brushing your teeth.

Its never too early or too late to start caring for your feet, and there's a lot you can do for yourself.

#### Follow these tips for good foot health.

Wash your feet every day in warm soapy water 'don't soak them, as this might destroy the natural oils' and dry thoroughly especially between the toes.

If your skin is dry, apply moisturising cream all over your feet, except the toe webs.

Lightly apply foot powder.

Remove hard skin gently with a pumice stone, but not if it is over a bony area or joint. If this is the case, or if the hard skin is painful, consult your HPC Registered Chiropodist / Podiatrist.

Trim your toe nails regularly, using proper nail clippers. Cut straight across, not too short , and not down at the corners as this can lead to ingrowing nails.

Keep feet warm, and exercise to improve circulation.

Always wear the right shoe for the job. See our guide to buying shoes.

Seek prompt treatment for burns, cuts and breaks in the skin, and for any unusual changes in colour or temperature. This is particularly important if you have diabetes.

If your feet hurt something is wrong! You can also prevent foot problems before they occur by visiting a HPC Registered Chiropodist / Podiatrist for advice on how to keep your feet healthy.





### <u>Useful Contacts.</u>

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