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## The Model of Care for the Diabetic Foot (2021)

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# Sláintecare.

Right Care. Right Place. Right Time.

Sláintecare is a vision for a new health service in Ireland

Sláintecare's aims are to:

- improve patient and service user experience
- improve clinician experience
- equal access to services based on need, not ability to pay
- A focus on integration



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## Sláintecare Fundamental Principles



### 01

#### Patient is Paramount

All care is planned and provided so that the patient/service user is paramount, ensuring appropriate care pathways and seamless transition backed-up by full patient record and information.

### 02

#### Timely Access

To all health and social care according to medical need.

### 03

#### Prevention and Public Health

Patients accessing care at the most appropriate, cost effective service level with a strong emphasis on prevention and public health.

### 04

#### Free at the Point of Delivery

Care provided free at the point of delivery, based entirely on clinical need.

### 05

#### Workforce

The health service workforce is appropriate, accountable, flexible, well-resourced, supported and valued.

### 06

#### Public Money and Interest

Public money is only spent in the public interest for the public good (ensuring value for money, integration, oversight, accountability and correct incentives).

### 07

#### Engagement

Create a modern, responsive integrated public health system, comparable to other European countries, through building long-term public and political confidence in the delivery and implementation of this plan.

### 08

#### Accountability

Effective organisational alignment and good governance are central to the organisation and functioning of the health system.

Figure 1: Sláintecare Principles from Sláintecare Oireachtas Report 2017



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<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0d2d60-slaintecare-publications/>



# Community Healthcare Organisations (CHO's)

## Delivering Community Healthcare through Community Healthcare Organisations

- CHO 1 - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, /West Cavan, Cavan, Monaghan
- CHO West - Galway, Roscommon, Mayo
- CHO 3 Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary/East Limerick
- CHO 4 Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork
- CHO 5 South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford
- CHO 6 Wicklow/Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South East
- CHO 7 Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, Dublin South West
- CHO 8 Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth, Meath
- CHO 9 Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West



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# HSE Health Regions

**FSS an Iarthair agus an Iarthuaiscirt**  
HSE West and North West



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HSE Dublin and North East



**FSS Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Lár na Tíre**  
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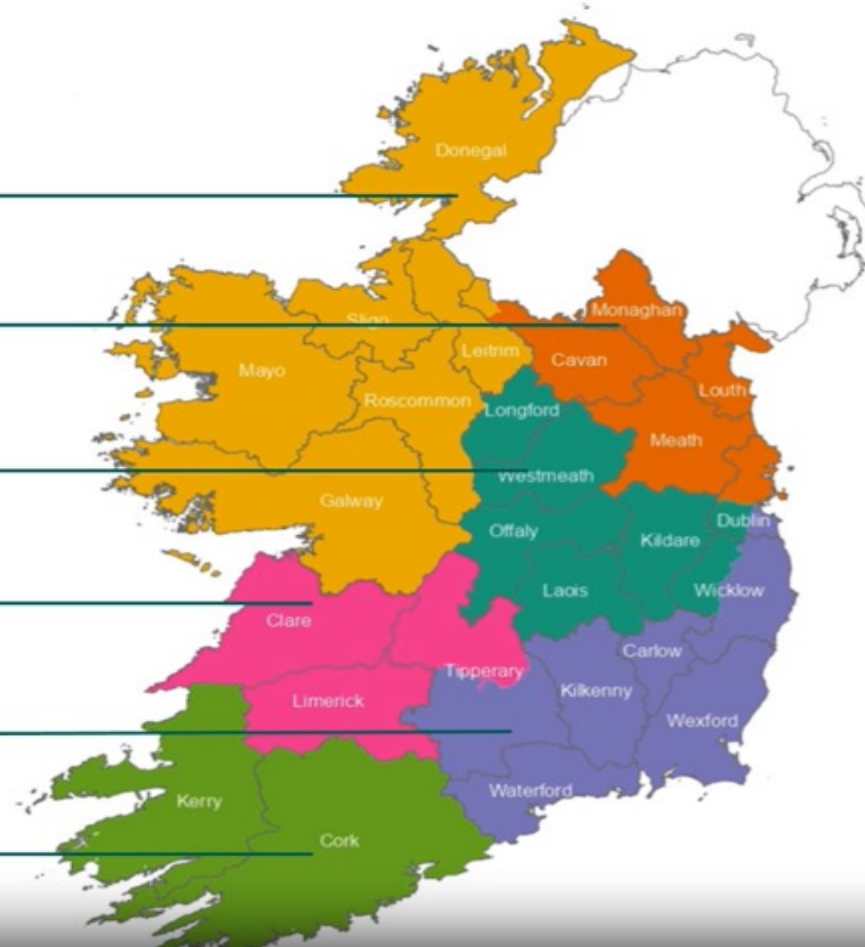
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## 7 Hospital Groups

- Saolta University Healthcare Group
- RCSI Hospitals Group, Dublin NE
- Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group
- University of Limerick Hospitals
- South/South West Hospitals Group
- Ireland East Hospitals Group
- Children's Hospital Group



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# What is integrated care?

*“Healthcare delivered at the lowest appropriate level of complexity through a health service that is well organised and managed to enable comprehensive care pathways that patients can easily access, and service providers can easily deliver.*

*This is a service in which communication and information support positive decision-making, governance and accountability; where patients’ needs come first in driving safety, quality and the coordination of care.”*

Sláintecare, 2017

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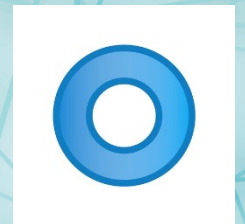
Integrated Care programmes (ICP) are based on population needs and are encapsulated in the work, a key component of the National Clinical programmes



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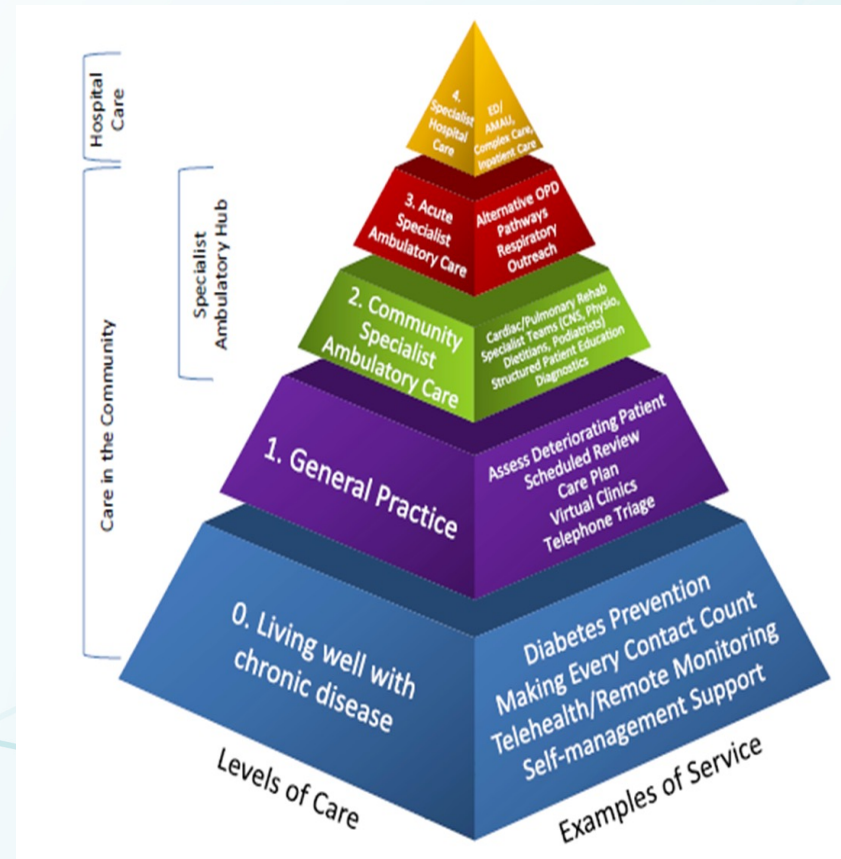
# Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease

- One of a number of integrated care programmes in Ireland
- Focuses on Cardiovascular disease; Type 2 diabetes; COPD; Asthma
- Encompasses three National Clinical Programmes
  - National Heart Programme
  - National Clinical Programme for Diabetes
  - National Clinical Programme for Respiratory



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# Within ICPCD - Model of Care for Chronic Disease



- Resourced - specialist community teams
- These teams provide specialist level support to General Practice
- End to end care
- Foot Protection Teams – Community
- Multidisciplinary Diabetic Foot Teams In the Acute Service



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# ECC Staffing- Community Specialist Team

Full Team	
Revised staffing per hub	agreed 05.10.2020 WTE Required
<b>DIABETES</b>	
CNS Diabetes	3
Clinical Specialist Podiatrist	1
Senior Grade Podiatrist	1
Basic Grade Podiatrist	1
Senior Dietitian	3
Staff Grade Dietitian (Weight Mgt/ DPP)	3
<b>CARDIOLOGY</b>	
CNS Cardiology	3
Senior Physiotherapist	1
Cardiac Rehab Co-ordinator	1
Staff Nurse Cardiology	1
Cardiac Rehabilitation Admin	0.5
Clinical Psychologist	0.2
<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	
CNS Respiratory	3
Senior Physiotherapist	3
CS Physio Rehabilitation Co-ordinator	1
CNS Rehabilitation	1
Staff Grade Physio Rehabilitation	1
Pulmonary Rehabilitation Admin	0.5
GP Lead with Specialist interest	
GP Lead with Specialist interest	0.2
<b>Admin / Management</b>	
Service Improvement Lead	1
Project Officer	1
Administration staff	2
<b>Total per hub</b>	<b>32.4</b>

## What is a hub

- Community Specialist ambulatory Care hub
- 32.4 WTE per CST
- Supports 3 networks/population of approx. 150,000
- Integrated care consultant provides 50% of their service in the hub

## Primary Function of hub:

- provide GPs with an additional layer of support to care for their patients with chronic disease in the community.
- provide GPs with timely access to a multidisciplinary team in the community to support them to provide holistic, integrated, proactive and preventive care for their patients with a focus on early intervention and hospital avoidance where possible.



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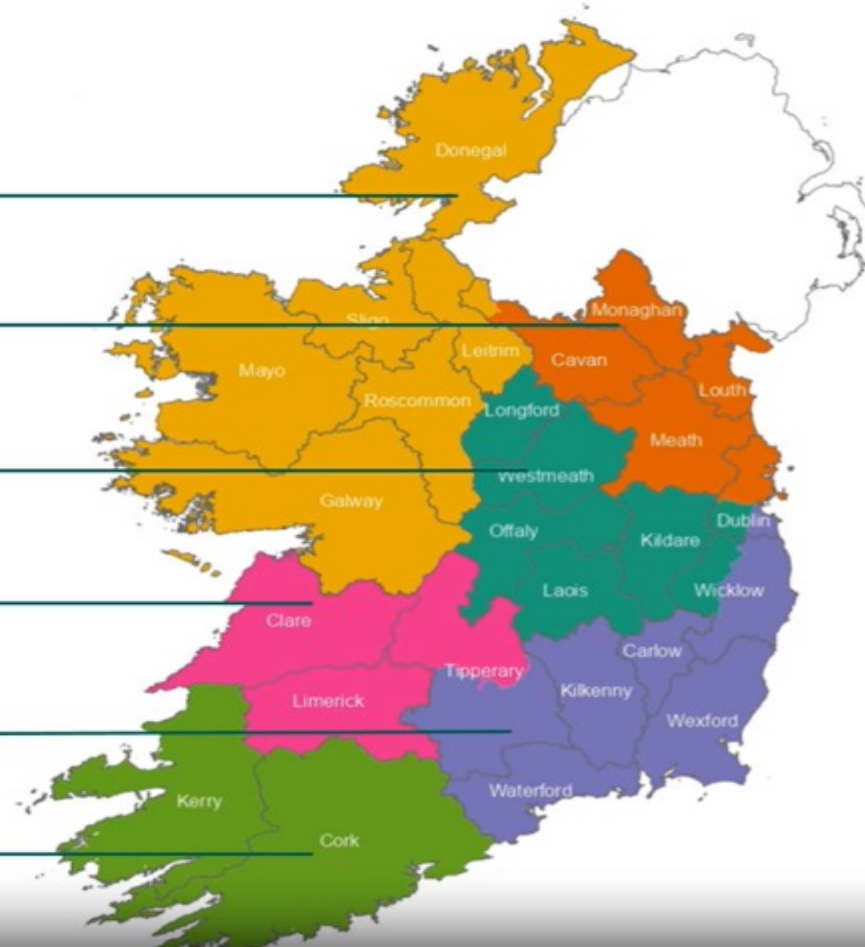
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# The Diabetic Foot Model of Care was published in December (2021)

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**DIABETES** **HSE**  
National Clinical Programme for Diabetes

**Vascular Screen**

Completed screen for each foot / Limb  Yes  No

Compare each limb for colour, temperature and hair growth

	Right	Left
Skin temperature: feels to feet	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm to cool <input type="checkbox"/> Cold <input type="checkbox"/> Warm <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral difference	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm to cool <input type="checkbox"/> Cold <input type="checkbox"/> Warm <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral difference
Skin colour	<input type="checkbox"/> Pale <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanotic <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pale <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanotic <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
Hair growth	Digits <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Lower limb <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Digits <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Lower limb <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dorsalis pedis pulse	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Posterior tibial pulse	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Intermittent claudication	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Rest pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**Active foot disease**

Active foot ulceration  Yes  No  If YES name site: \_\_\_\_\_

Suspected Charcot  Yes  No  If YES name site: \_\_\_\_\_

Critical limb ischaemic  Yes  No  If YES name site: \_\_\_\_\_

*Refer to hospital diabetic foot MDT  
NOTE: If Sepsis suspected refer to Emergency Department*

**Foot Risk Category**

Active  Ulceration  High risk  Moderate  Low risk

**Action**

Patient informed of Foot Risk Category  Yes  No

Patient advised on Foot Risk Management  Yes  No

Diabetic foot educational resources provided to patient  Yes  No

Refer to  GP  
 Podiatry—Community Diabetic Foot protection team  
 Podiatry—Hospital Multidisciplinary foot team  
 Emergency department  
 Diabetes Structured Education Programme  
 Smoking Cessation

*NOTE: Compare previous foot screening results*

Additional information or comments

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Screened by (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# DIABETIC FOOT SCREENING AND CLASSIFICATION PROTOCOL

## DIABETIC FOOT SCREENING

On diagnosis of diabetes and at every diabetic foot review thereafter, a clinician will examine patient's feet and lower limbs for risk factors. This should include:

### Medical History

Review of medical history and comorbidities including kidney function

- History of Charcot foot; foot surgery; previous ulceration and/or amputation (all types; on either foot)
- Presence of intermittent claudication or rest pain

### Foot Inspection

Skin and nail inspection

- Inspection for structural foot deformity
- Inspection of any existing foot wounds
- Examination of footwear
- Review of orthotic devices and aids and appliances

### Peripheral Sensory Assessment

- Vibration perception testing (128 Hz tuning fork)
- Cutaneous pressure perception testing (Semmes Weinstein Test: 10g monofilament)

### Peripheral Vascular Assessment

- Palpation of dorsalis pedis and posterior tibial pulses in both feet



**General Practice  
(T2DM)/Hospital  
Endocrinology Team  
(T1DM)**

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 DIABETES**

- Annual Review in Secondary Care
- Ongoing diabetes care in Secondary Care
- Education on diabetic footcare and risk status
- Referral to diabetes self-management education programme
- Ongoing Self-care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Annual review in General Practice
- Ongoing diabetes care in General Practice
- Education on diabetic footcare and risk status
- Referral to Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME)
- Ongoing self-care

**Community Foot Protection Team**

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in Secondary Care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in General Practice

**Management Plan for both  
TYPE 1 + TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Annual Review by FPT Podiatrist
- Referral to DSME
- Lifestyle interventions: smoking cessation; alcohol reduction; exercise
- Education on diabetic foot care and risk status
- Biomechanical assessment
- Footwear assessment
- Consider need for onward referral to other HSCP
- Ongoing self-care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in Secondary Care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in General Practice and secondary care (*shared care*)

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 + TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Annual Review by FPT Podiatrist
- Referral to DSME
- Lifestyle interventions: smoking cessation; alcohol reduction; exercise
- Education on diabetic foot care and risk status
- Biomechanical assessment
- Footwear assessment
- Consider need for onward referral to other HSCP
- Ongoing self-care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in Secondary Care

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Ongoing diabetes care in General Practice and secondary care (*shared care*)

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 + TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- 3-6 monthly review by FPT Podiatrist
- Referral to DSME
- Lifestyle interventions: smoking cessation; alcohol reduction; exercise
- Education on diabetic foot care and risk status
- Biomechanical Assessment
- Footwear Assessment
- Consider need for onward referral to other HSCP
- Ongoing Self-care

**Hospital  
Multidisciplinary  
Foot Team**

**Management Plan for  
TYPE 1 + TYPE 2 DIABETES**

- Refer within 24 hours to MDFT
- MDFT Clinical Specialist Podiatrist or Senior podiatrist to review patient within 24 hours of referral (or next working day)
- Frequency of MDFT review based on clinical need
- Ongoing care by the MDFT diabetes specialist team with collaboration with GP as required
- Education on diabetic footcare and risk status
- Biomechanical Assessment
- Footwear Assessment
- Consider need for onward referral to other HSCP
- Ongoing Self-care

I changed the dressing my self, I got it wet I got some new dressings from the chemist woman

I went into get my tablets and got some plasters for that cut

I took my sock off and showed the chemist man the sore when I went to town

Patients will usually speak with the pharmacist about foot /skin products

Diabetic Foot Education

Patients would often ask the pharmacists or there team in where they could go for services

Fantastic first line contact in communities for many patients with foot problems especially outside the cities



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## Area Finder

### Using Area Finder to identify service user's referring geographical location:

Search and Click on <https://hseareafinder.ie> then insert service user's Eircode

This will identify the service users affiliated

- Community Healthcare Network,
- Nursing Service,
- Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) hub and
- Chronic Disease (Integrated Care) hub.

# Resources on A-Z

**Diabetes**

- [Type 1 diabetes](#)  
Find out about type 1 diabetes and living with the condition
- [Type 2 diabetes](#)  
Find out about type 2 diabetes and living with the condition
- [Diabetic Retina Screen](#)  
How the RetinaScreen programme can detect changes in vision in people with diabetes
- [Courses and support](#)  
Courses and support to help you manage type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes
- [Pre-diabetes](#)  
Pre-diabetes is very treatable and type 2 diabetes can often be prevented or delayed
- [Diabetes and pregnancy](#)  
You can have a healthy pregnancy with diabetes but managing your diabetes might be harder

HEALTHY EATING FOR PEOPLE WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

Prepared by the Diabetes Interest Group of the Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute

Taking steps towards good Foot Care FOR AT-RISK FEET

Your healthcare professional has found that as a person with Diabetes your feet have a **LOW RISK** of developing serious problems, but any injury is potentially serious.

Diabetes and mental health

Alcohol and smoking

Diabetic RetinaScreen

An Clár Náisiúnta Scagthástála Reitíní do Dhiabéitigh  
The National Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme

Home COVID-19 Diabetic retinopathy Screening

Self registration

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/type-2-diabetes/living-with/foot-care.html>



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# Questions



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