

South West Cardiovascular  
Strategic Clinical Network

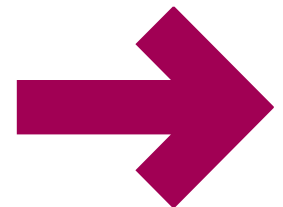
# FOOT ULCERATION AND AMPUTATION IN PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

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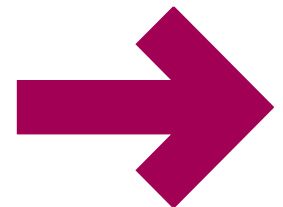
# PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN SOUTH WEST

- 169,400 people living with diabetes in the SW SCN (includes all ages)
- Represents around 6% of the population of the South West
- Numbers increasing due to ageing population and obesity
- Around 7% of diabetics have current or past ulceration and 20% will have increased risk of foot ulceration
- Amputation rate (major and minor combined) in SW varies between 2.5 and 4.7 per 1000: England average is 2.6 per 1000
- Many are avoidable



# MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY

- After primary ulceration 5 year mortality rates are 42%-44%
- Following amputation 5 year mortality rates are 68%-79%
- Only two thirds of diabetic foot ulcers heal without surgery and 28% result in amputation



# NATIONAL COSTS (2010-2011)

- Estimated total cost of diabetic foot care £580 million, 0.6% of NHS expenditure in England
- £307 million spent on ulceration in primary, community and out patient care
- Cost of inpatient care £218 million, and of that £55 million on amputation
- Post amputation care £11.5 million

# PEER REVIEW INVOLVEMENT

- All 14 acute Trusts and 11 CCGs are involved in the Peer Review of Foot Care Services
- Clinicians, commissioners and senior managers are involved in the reviews
- At least 100 clinicians and AHPs from primary, secondary and community care are participating

# AIM OF THE PEER REVIEW

To reduce foot ulceration rates and reduce the number and variation of lower limb amputations to the national average of 2.6 per 1000, or below.

To raise patient and professional awareness of the risks of foot ulceration

To ensure patient pathways and appropriate Multi Disciplinary Teams are in place

Putting into practice integrated care, increased education in community and hospital settings

# PROCESS OF REVIEW

- The review team comprises clinical experts in diabetes, podiatry, orthopaedic and vascular surgery and an NHS England representative
- Ahead of the review baseline data and information regarding the service provision is provided by CCGs and trusts
- Members of the MDT, CCG representatives, trust board member and community providers take part
- Patients are interviewed and a review of 5 sets of notes forms part of the review



# CLINICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

- Identify people at risk of ulceration
- Provide rapid access to MDT foot care for those with ulcers
- Reduced foot ulceration rates and a reduction in the number and variation of avoidable lower extremity amputations.
- Reduce costs of admissions and amputations

# REPORTING

- An informal verbal feedback is provided at the completion of the review
- A formal written review is then prepared with contributions from all the review team
- The report includes recommendations along with timelines
- Areas of good practice and risks are identified
- The report is shared with the Trusts, CCGs, Community providers, SW CV SCN, Area Teams and NHS England

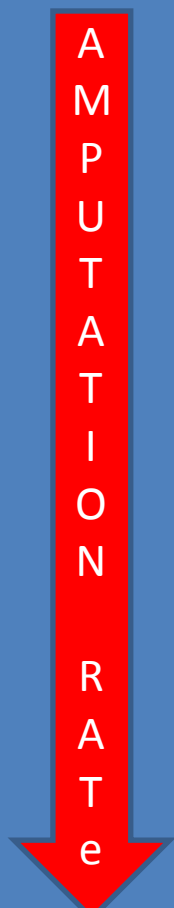
# PATIENT FEEDBACK

- **Information limited from GP at early stages.**
- **One patient heard a heated debate between doctors of whether he was being admitted under vascular or orthopaedics**
- **Community nurses very good.**
- **Things seem to move quicker when consultant was involved.**

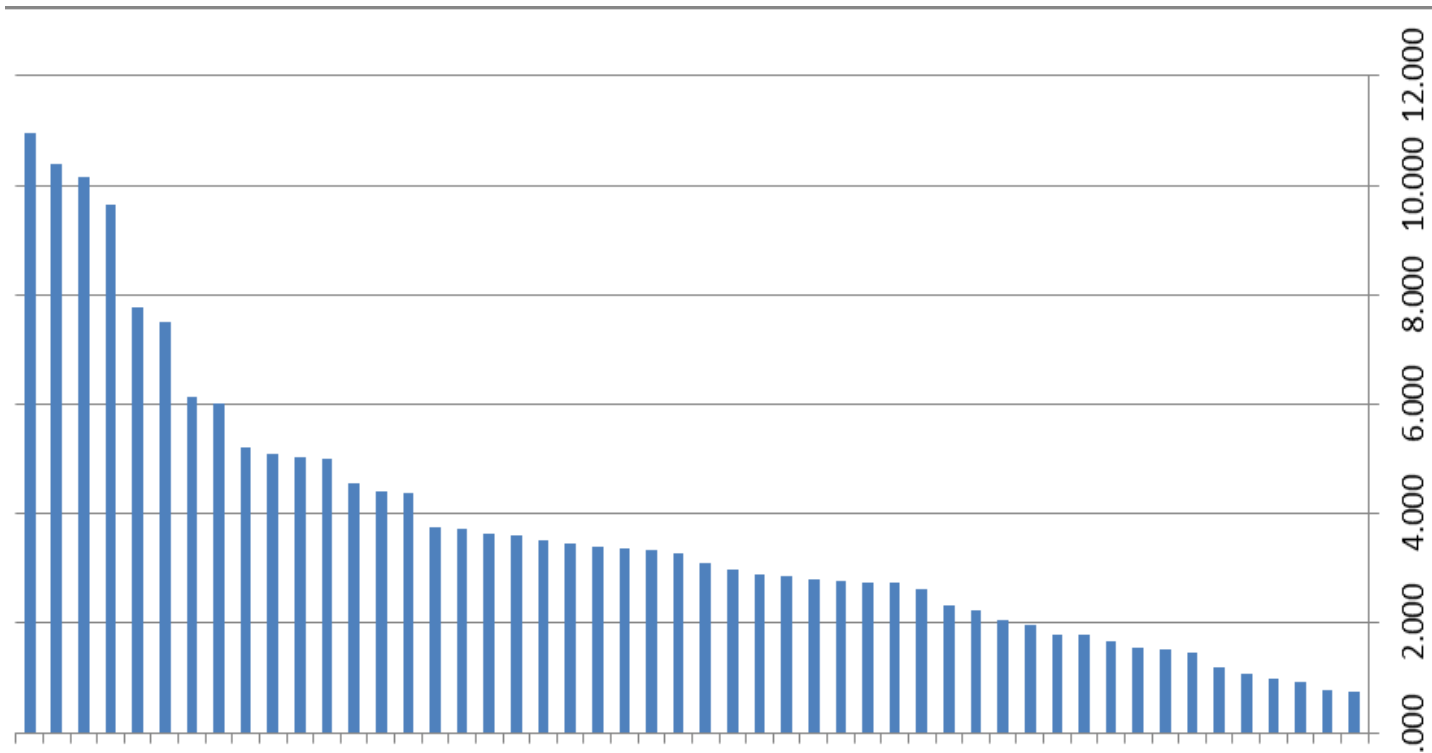
# Amputation rates according to services available

## South western region 2011 to 2013

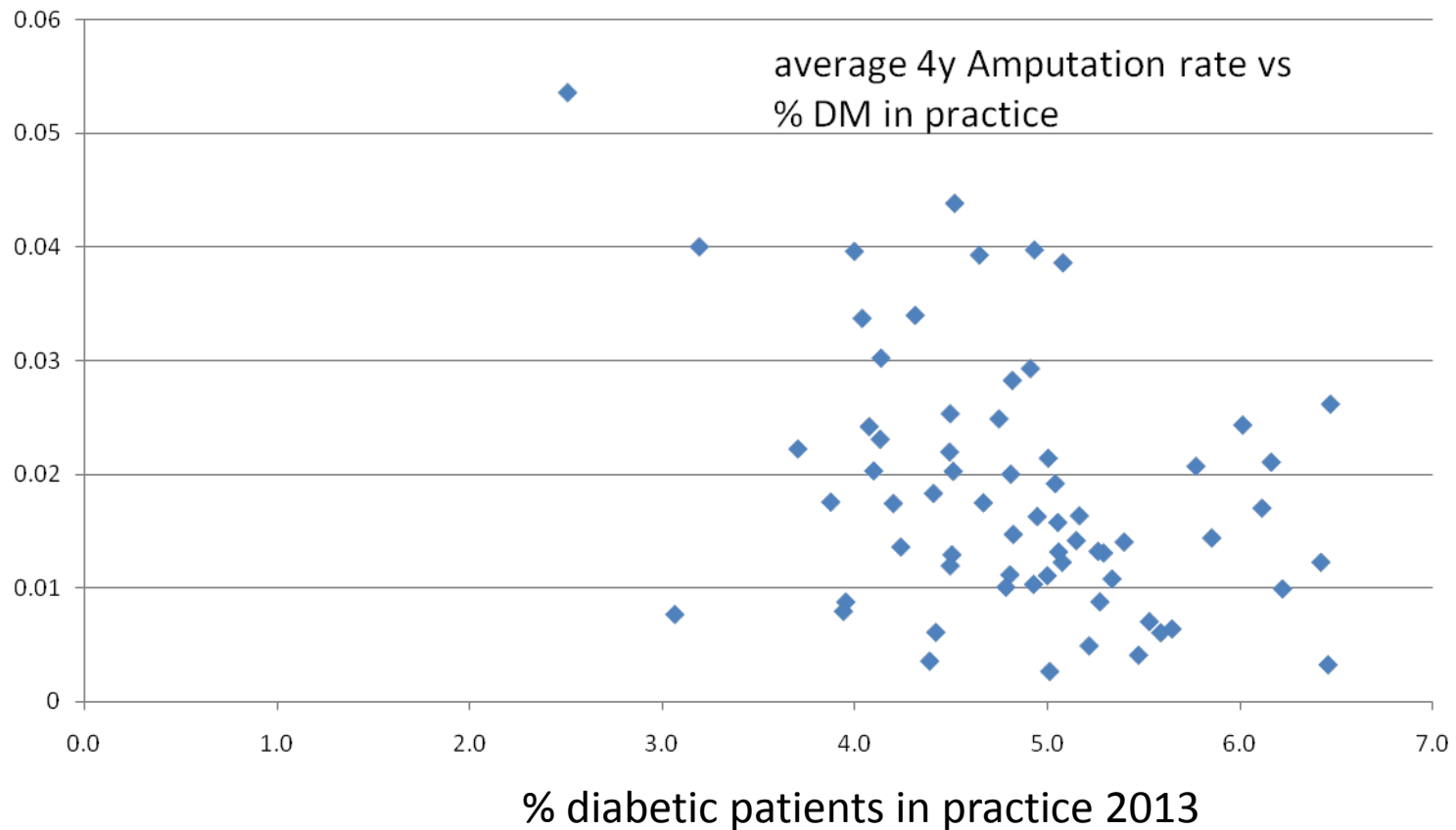
centre	Data base	MDT	Orthotics In clinics	Pod lead for foot service	Com pod iatry
1	+	+	+	+	+
2	+	+	+	+	+
3	-	+	+	-	+
4	+	+	+	+	-
5	-	+/-	-	-	+
6	-	+/-	-	-	+
7	-	-	-	+	+
8	-	-	-	-	+
9	-	-	-	-	+
10	-	-	+	-	-



# All amputations/1000 persons with diabetes per 5 years per practice

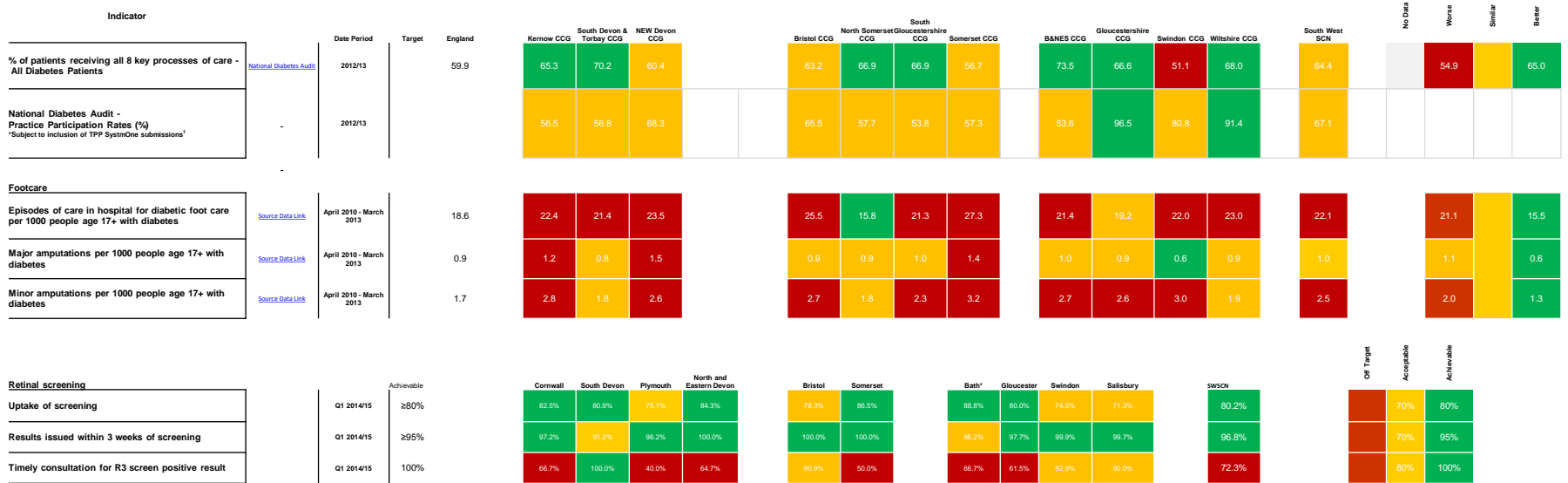


# Amputation rates according to DM ascertainment in practice



# Conclusions

- Many amputations avoidable with appropriate patient education and correct referral pathways and MDT processes.
- Peer reviews will focus on pathways and process
- Patients screening and education at primary care level
- Integration between primary and secondary care vital



**RAG System**

Where recognised Target exists - Green = equal to or above Target - Red = below Target

Where no Target exists - Lower quartile Red - Upper quartile - Green - Middle Half - Amber

Where data not available for quartiles - better than England average light blue - worse than England average dark blue

Where no target exists and where no National Average is known - no colour used

¹Participation rates are coded according to national guidelines below 50% = red, 50-89.9 = amber 90 or above green

\*Reported vs BR2555

Indicator	Rationale	Source
Emergency admission numbers and LOS (? when compared with people without diabetes )by CCG & Provider	NHS Outcomes Framework CCG Indicator (Domain 2)	HES/ Providers/CCGs
Diabetic Inpatient foot risk assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within 24 hours</li> <li>After 24 hours</li> <li>During hospital stay</li> </ul>	DPA work programme	NDA Footcare Audit
Numbers of people with diabetes admitted for diabetic ketoacidosis	One element of Best Practice Tariff (BPT)	HES/ Providers/CCGs
Readmissions within 30 days of discharge among people with diabetes (? by CCG and provider)	NHS Outcomes Framework CCG Indicator (Domain 2)	HES/ Providers/CCGs
Time to vascular intervention from ulcer diagnosis	Process to support reduction in amputation rates. All parliamentary vascular review	???



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