**Debbie Sharman**



I have been working in the NHS as a podiatrist since 1987, specialising in diabetes for over 30 years. I was appointed as Consultant Podiatrist for Diabetes in Dorset in 2008, and am also the Professional Lead for NHS Podiatry in Dorset. I am a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Southampton, teaching on the pharmacology module to undergraduate podiatrists.

I’m an Independent Prescriber, and have been prescribing since 2010. I was honoured to be appointed as a Fellow of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow) in 2013 and a Fellow of the College of Podiatric Medicine in 2017. Additionally, I’m a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Foot and Ankle Research, and International Wound Journal. I was appointed as co-chair of FDUK (Foot in Diabetes UK) in 2021 and have been a member of the FDUK executive committee since 2014.

Essentially though, I remain a clinician, and am passionate about improving the care and management of diabetes foot complications. Together with my colleagues on the Executive Committee, the aim of FDUK is to support healthcare professionals to deliver high quality clinically effective care in order to improve the lives of people living with diabetic foot problems.