

CHAPTER 12

Diabetes

12.1 Annual Checks

The Doncaster and Rotherham HImPs include targets for annual checks for people with diabetes. Diabetes influences health in many different ways and it is important that these checks are carried out, in order to detect complications as soon as they occur. Of the three health authorities, only Doncaster currently has a fully functioning diabetes register, ie. a list of all known diabetics in the district, which is required to monitor these checks.

Table 12.1 gives the latest position for each of the ten checks required, for Doncaster and each PCG/T. In each case the target is to achieve 70% by 2002 and 80% by 2005.

Table 12.1 – Annual checks for diabetics.

	1999 Position				Target	
	Doncaster	PCT Central	PCG East	PCG West	2002	2005
Weight	69%	68%	65%	72%	70%	80%
Blood pressure	69%	69%	67%	72%	70%	80%
Haemoglobin A1c	70%	70%	67%	72%	70%	80%
Urinary albumin	55%	57%	53%	56%	70%	80%
Cholesterol	55%	51%	49%	64%	70%	80%
Creatinine	64%	67%	57%	69%	70%	80%
Fundoscopy	53%	57%	47%	53%	70%	80%
Foot neuropathy	56%	54%	59%	55%	70%	80%
Foot (vascular)	62%	64%	62%	59%	70%	80%
Smoking status	64%	63%	60%	70%	70%	80%

Source: Doncaster District Diabetes Register Audit 1999

Although performance is at or around the 2002 target level for weight, blood pressure and haemoglobin A1c (an indicator of long-term blood sugar levels), other checks need to be increased.