Appendix 1:
Risk factors for each risk assessment equation

Risk assessment equation	Risk factors
Framingham	Age, sex, systolic blood pressure (and whether or not it is being treated), total cholesterol, HDL, smoking status and diabetes status
UKPDS	Age, sex, diabetes duration, HbA1c, systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL, atrial fibrillation, ethnicity and smoking status
International Model to Predict Recurrent Cardiovascular Disease	Age, sex, smoking status, diabetes status, BMI <20 kg/m2, number of vascular beds affected, cardiovascular event in past year, congestive heart failure, statin therapy, ASA therapy, ethnicity