Matters Arising

i. **Terms of Reference**: Terms of Reference for the Data and Information, Education and Workforce, Supply and Distribution workstreams have now been amended in line with the request from the previous meeting and signed off.

ii. **NWCSP Governance Diagram**: The Expert Reference Group has now been included in NWCSP governance diagram within Supply and Distribution Workstream, as requested.

Updates

i. **NICE Guideline for leg ulceration**: It was agreed to write to NICE to request development of a NICE Guideline for leg ulceration.

ii. **GIRFT**: GIRFT are meeting with the NWCSP and other NHS partners in December to develop a unified approach to improving wound care in the community.

iii. **Patient and Public Voice Partners (PPV)**: PPV partners have been recruited for the Lower Limb workstream and Stop the Pressure workstreams. Recruitment will continue for a PPV partner for Surgical Wounds and the NWCSP Board.

Education and Workforce

a. **Competency/ Capability Frameworks**: Funding will be sought to commission a third party to develop a Wound Care Capability Framework building on existing work.

b. **Provision of Higher Education Institution (HEI) education for advanced level clinicians**: The NWCSP will recommend that clinicians working at advanced level should undertake education relevant to wound care at MSc level to meet the capabilities required for clinical practice. It was agreed that there is no need to commission further HEI MSc level wound care education as there is currently spare capacity and the existing provision could be expanded if needed.
c. Provision of online education for generalists: Since the ongoing review of existing online wound care modules has not yet found any modules that meet the quality criteria agreed at the NWCS Board in July 2019, the NWCS’s limited resources will instead be deployed on developing new Health Education England (HEE) online wound care modules. As HEE pressure ulcer modules are already in development, the additional new modules will focus on lower limb wounds and surgical wounds.

Wound Care Sector Deal

The NWCS Board supported the proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) but the agreement should be between the AHSN and the Association of British HealthTech Industries (rather than the NWCS) since the NWCS is not an organisation in its own right.

NWCS Annual Progress Report

Subject to a few minor amendments, the Progress Report was approved and will be posted on the NWCS website.

Project Planning Document

In addition to ongoing work discussed earlier in the minutes, the workstream leads reported key points in addition to the above notes, as follows:

- The Lower Limb work is about to send out a Stakeholder consultation on the draft proposals work is progressing on developing metrics for pathfinder sites.
- The Surgical Wounds initial draft recommendations are close to being confirmed and will be sent out for consultation in January.
- The Supply and Distribution wound product classification and specification work is progressing well and will be completed by the end of March 2020. Other work around systems of supply is commencing in December.

NWCS implementation will be added as an item for the next Board agenda.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd February 2020.