



**National Wound Care Strategy Programme Board Meeting
Summary Notes**

Wednesday 16th September 2020 11.20 – 13.00
Microsoft Teams Teleconference

- a) Declarations of Interest were received and noted, and the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
- b) The Stakeholder Council TOR were updated with a flow chart to clarify the existing process for the movement of information between the Stakeholder Council and other NWCSF structures.
- c) The NWCSF is still awaiting a response to their letter to NICE and this will be followed up.
- d) The NWCSF has met with the CQUIN team to discuss the suspended leg ulcer and pressure ulcer CQUINs being implemented for 2021/2022.
- e) A letter has been sent to the Council of Deans sharing information about the NWCSF and inviting interested organisations to make contact.
- f) The business case for implementing the NWCSF Lower Limb Recommendations is currently undergoing financial scrutiny from the NHS England and NHS Innovation Strategic Finance Team. The NWCSF is delivering a webinar for the AHSN innovation teams on the 30th of September, and a similar webinar for commissioners and clinicians on 19th of October. It is hoped that interested AHSN teams and clinical / organisations will apply to become 1st tranche implementation site to undertake initial implementation and testing to develop a blueprint for national adoption.
- g) The NWCSF has worked with the NHS England and NHS Improvement COVID-19 Recovery Team to develop draft recommendations. Due to the COVID pressures in relation to supply and distribution work, the NWCSF Supply and Distribution workstream will remain suspended until April 2021.
- h) The NWCSF Education and Workforce Workstream plan to establish an overarching strategic group that will be responsible for setting strategic direction.
- i) The Lower Limb Recommendations were ratified by the Board and will be published on the NWCSF website.
- j) The Surgical Wounds Recommendations are being finalised in response to the consultation feedback and will be presented for ratification at the December Board.
- k) An 'Evidence for Wound Care workstream' will be convened to co-ordinate a strategic approach for the NWCSF evidence activity.
- l) In response to a commission from the Department of Health, the NWCSF has been developing a classification system for wound products to meet business and clinical requirements. A draft system has undergone some initial testing with the NWCSF Expert Reference Group and one wound care product supplier. A paper will be presented at the October Stakeholder Council to seek views on the next stage of stakeholder engagement.
- m) Plans to recruit fixed term funded leads for the Lower Limb and Surgical workstreams were approved along with plans to implementation leads and admin support for the 1st tranche implementation sites.
- n) Recommendations for wound care digital imaging will soon be going out for consultation.
- o) The NWCSF has won an industry award (a 'Woundie'!) from Wound Care Today for the Best Patient Engagement Campaign, awarded for the COVID-19 resources on the NWCSF website.