



National Wound Care Strategy Programme Board Meeting

Summary Notes

Tuesday 14th July 2020 11.20 – 13.30

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

- Declarations of Interest were received and noted, and the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
- It was noted that the CQUIN programme has been suspended until the next financial year (2021-22) due to COVID-19.
- The planned letter to NICE regarding wound research needs has been delayed due to COVID-19.
- A letter to the Council of Deans requesting expression of interest in the NWCSF education work is about to be sent.
- The business case for implementing the Lower Limb Recommendations has been presented to Ruth May (Chief Nurse NHS E /I) Matthew Winn (Director of Community Services, NHS E/I) and Sam Sherrington (Head of Community Nursing NHS E/I). The proposals received positive feedback and the report will now be reviewed by the NHS Finance Team. The plan is to work with '1st tranche implementation sites' to test the assumptions of the business case and to develop a blueprint for national roll out. Draft selection criteria for the '1st tranche implementation sites' are in development and will be advertised.
- Other progress is as follows:
 - The NWCSF team is working in partnership with the NHS England COVID-19 recovery tissue viability cell, to develop recommendations relating to wound care.
 - The current consultation for the Lower Limb Recommendations closes on 21st July.
 - The current consultation for the Surgical Wounds Recommendations closes in mid-August.
 - The NSTPP program is recommencing work following pausing during the COVID-19 peak.
 - The NWCSF Director and Data and Information workstream lead met with Sam Sherrington (NHS E Head of Community Nursing) and members of the NHSE Community Services Digitisation team to wound care as a potential exemplum for the ongoing community digital transformation.
 - A NWCSF Digital Imaging sub-group has been formed to consider the clinical aspects of digital images in wound care. Draft recommendations are in development and will be consulted on.
 - Following the consultation on Classification of Wound Care products, work on the draft classification system for wound care products continues.
 - The Supply and Distribution workstream is still suspended due to members being redeployed to support the COVID-19 effort. The consultation on 'Improving our understanding of the Supply and Distribution of Wound Care Products across England' has finished and the report will be shared with the Supply and Distribution workstream on their return.

- The Education and Workforce workstream have started work on the development of three free to access, online education modules (Essentials of Skin Assessment, Essentials of Wound Assessment and Essentials of Lower Limb Care) in partnership with Health education England and eLearning for Health.
- Work has commenced on the development of a Wound Care Capability Framework in partnership with Health Education England and Skills for Health. A steering committee is currently being recruited. The framework will be applicable in all health and social care settings and be developed by and aimed at an inter-professional audience, including health and care workers who work outside specialist wound services such as tissue viability services.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the NWCSP through sickness, the need to self-isolate and the redeployment of Board Members and Workstream Members into frontline clinical or other key roles to support the COVID-19 effort. Most are now returning to their usual roles, but a second COVID-19 spike may have a future impact on the NWCSP work.
- The NWCSP has now received confirmation of funding for 2020-21 which will fund both the central programme and support for implementing the NWCSP recommendations.

The next Board meeting is due to take place 16th September 2020.