



# National Wound Care Strategy Programme

## Newsletter August 2021

Summer is here and we would like to update you on the latest NWCSPP news and activities:

### Lower Limb Ulcers

Four of our 'First Tranche Implementation Sites' are now up and running in Manchester, Hull, Kent and Wye Valley and we are working closely with them to test out the assumptions in our business case for implementing the NWCSPP Lower Limb Recommendations. We are currently recruiting our final three sites from London, East of England and the South West to complete our set of regional sites. We also plan to soon start recruiting to the Learning Collaborative, which will enable us to share learning from our regional sites with those keen to get ahead with improving lower limb care in their organisations.

The Lower Limb workstream has begun to develop a lower limb education programme to meet the needs of clinicians working in dedicated lower limb wound care services. The programme will include a suite of online learning resources which can be used as part of local face-to-face education.

Supported by recent research from the University of Manchester exploring the barriers and facilitators to compression therapy use (VenUS V), the NWCSPP is starting work on developing patient-facing resources for people with leg ulcers. A recording of our webinar about this research can be found on the NWCSPP website.

### Surgical Wounds

Following the publication of the surgical wounds recommendations in February, our next priority is to improve surveillance of surgical wound breakdown.



### Stop the Pressure

Stop the Pressure and the NWCSPP have published a brief history of pressure ulcer management in England, exploring policy approaches, approaches to measurement and use of data over the past 20 years. [The paper](#) is the first of three, which will explain the rationale for the ongoing work to develop a new pressure ulcer surveillance system Safety Thermometer. The journal is available in full [here](#).

### New Essentials of Wound Care Modules

Two new 'Essentials of Wound Care' online learning resources have been published. These are:

- Essentials of the foot at risk.
- Essentials of digital wound imaging.

All the 'Essentials of Wound Care' online learning resources are free to access, available to all and can be found [here](#).

### Wound Management Digital Systems

Following the recent Wound Management Digital Systems (WMDS) consultation, we will soon be publishing the final version of our WMDS Functional Overview. Keep checking our website for details.



### Launch of the Wound Care Core Capabilities Framework

10th of June saw the launch of the first multi-professional Wound Care Core Capabilities Framework for England which can be accessed from our website. This framework sets out the knowledge and skills needed by all levels of the health and social care workforce and aims to underpin the highest standard of wound care across all settings.

The framework has received excellent coverage on social media, in the Nursing Standard and will be featured in both the British Journal of Nursing and the Journal of Community Nursing over the coming months. With huge thanks to the expert multi-professional steering group for their time, hard work and expertise.

### Supply and Distribution

Following a pause in the work of the Supply and Distribution workstream during the COVID-19 pandemic, the group has now been reconvened. Work is progressing well on the production of the Wound Product Classification System. An initial prototype which focuses on the more commonly used types of wound dressing is currently being tested and refined with support from clinicians and industry partners.

The group is also appraising options for the supply and distribution of wound products and as part of this work, will be working with the Greener NHS team to consider issues of sustainability.

### And finally,

We are delighted to welcome Michael Watson to the NWCSPP as our Digital, Data & Information Programme Manager to support our work improving wound care data and information.



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