



National Wound Care Strategy Programme Oversight and Transformation Board Meeting

Draft Board Summary Notes (Unconfirmed Version)

These notes summarise the business of the NWCSF Board which met on Friday 18th March 2022.

- The AHSN Network has adopted lower leg wound care as a national adopt and spread programme (to be named Transforming Wound Care). Six AHSNs will commence the programme in April and the remaining nine will commence in Q4 of 2023. This will mean the pace of the implementation work can be increased.
- The NWCSF has a slot to present its work at the April NHS England National Productivity Board.
- The Board ratified the adoption of Guidance about Declarations of Interest for members of the NWCSF Delivery Group, Board and Stakeholder Council.
- The NWCSF has been invited to a meeting with the Department of Health and Social Care Interim Director of Devices (Chris Stirling) along with other interested parties.
- The NWCSF is recruiting a new Clinical Lead to facilitate the surgical wounds and wound infection work.
- The NWCSF is working with the Royal College of Surgeons, to develop national pro forma templates for referral to vascular services for re-vascularisation for peripheral arterial disease and endovenous ablation to promote accurate and informative referrals.
- The NWCSF now has comms support and is developing a NWCSF comms strategy to promote the programme.
- The FlmpS are all making good progress and generating valuable learning although progress is faster in implementing the clinical pathways compared to the digitalisation work. Early results suggest that the business case may have under-estimated the potential benefits.
- Interoperability of wound management digital systems and other digital data systems remains a challenge. Work is ongoing but requires funding to make progress at speed. The NWCSF continues to work in partnership with a number of digitalisation personnel within NHS Transformation (who were employed in the former NHS X).
- There is very positive feedback about the NWCSF education resources which have been developed in partnership with Health Education England but there are opportunities to increase their use in pre-registration clinical education.
- The NWCSF has received additional funding from NHS England's Future Licence agreement.
- A review of NICE outputs relating to lower limb wound infection has identified gaps and inconsistencies. It was agreed that the NWCSF will expand this review to include wound infection in surgical wounds and pressure ulcers and present the results to NICE with a request for a review.
- It was agreed that the outdated NICE CKS for venous leg ulcer would be reviewed following the development of the new NICE / SIGN Guideline for lower limb ulcers.