



National Wound Care Strategy Programme

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With Christmas fast approaching, we want to wish you all the best for the festive season and share our latest news and updates:

Recommendations for Legs and Feet

Our newly-designed Lower Limb Recommendations and flowchart for care pathways are now available on the NWCSP website at:

[Lower Limb | AHSN Network](#)

The case for implementing our recommendations for preventing and improving care of lower limb wounds is now available on the NWCSP website at: [NWCSP-Implementing-the-Lower-Limb-Recommendations-08.12.20.pdf \(ahsnnetwork.com\)](#)

First Tranche Implementation Sites

The first stage of shortlisting to choose the sites to implement our lower limb recommendations is now complete, with second stage interviews to take place in the New Year. A huge thank you to everyone who has applied (the quality of all applications was impressively high) and a big congratulations to the 7 organisations who have been shortlisted. Our funding only allows us to initially support three sites but we are planning to develop a Community of Practice to share learning with from the 3 First Tranche sites. More information about this will follow in 2021.

Surgical Wounds Recommendations

Our final NWCSP recommendations for Surgical Wounds have been approved by the Board and are due to be sent to a graphic designer to create a final designed version and care pathway flowchart.



E-Learning Modules

The free-to-access e-learning modules for the Essentials of Skin Assessment, Essentials of Wound Assessment and Essentials of Leg Ulceration are close to completion and due to be launched early in the New Year. The modules have been developed by Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare, in partnership with the NWCSP and Health Education England.

Pressure Ulcer Data

The Data & Information workstream are working in collaboration with the National Patient Safety Team to develop a Pressure Ulcer dashboard for acute service providers, from the Hospital Episode Statistics data set, to replace the Safety Thermometer which is no longer being published. The plan is to share the draft dashboard with providers via the Regional Nursing teams in the New Year so that Trusts have an opportunity to review and quality assure their data inputs and quality of coding before the move to national reporting from April 2021.

Work will commence in early 2021 to develop a similar dashboard for community providers from the Community Services Data Set.

Supply and Distribution Workstream

Our Supply and Distribution workstream remains suspended until Spring 2021 to carry out vital work for the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish them every success.

Wounds and Digital Imaging

Our Digital Imaging recommendations will be out for consultation in early 2021. These aim to provide guidance and information to increase the uptake of digital imaging ('photographs') for wound care.

Winning a 'Woundie'

Earlier this year, the NWCSP won an industry award (a 'Woundie'!) from Wound Care Today for the Best Patient Engagement Campaign, awarded for the COVID-19 resources on the NWCSP website. [Click here](#) to view the online resources we have for people with wounds and their carers and healthcare professionals.

Lower Limb and Surgical Wounds Clinical Leads

We are recruiting Clinical Leads for our Lower Limb and Surgical Wound workstreams (Band 8b). If you would like to learn more, please visit: [Vacancies | AHSN Network](#)

Make a difference as a Patient and Public Voice Representative

We are looking to recruit patients and carers living in England with experience of surgical wounds, pressure ulcers or lower limb ulcers to join our meetings and give their opinions on our activities to help ensure that our work fully considers their needs. Find out more at: [Patient and Carer Representatives | AHSN Network](#)



Thank you for all of your support this year and we look forward to seeing you in 2021

The NWCSP Team

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