National Wound Care Strategy Programme

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#Stop the Pressure

We would like to share the latest news from the NWCSP:

First Tranche Implementation Sites Update

We now have six First Tranche Implementation Sites (FImpS) working with us and hope to recruit a final site from London soon to give us a site in each of the NHS England and NHS Improvement regions. The FImpS are implementing the Lower Limb Recommendations and testing the assumptions of the Lower Limb Business Case. Their work is proving invaluable in helping us understand the challenges of national roll out.

We continue to work with the FImpS to develop a blended learning education programme to support the development of requisite knowledge and skills to implement the NWCSP Lower Limb Recommendations. Education resources are currently being developed and the full programme is due to be launched by June 2022.

Lower Limb Learning Collaborative

We are currently recruiting would-be fast adopter organisations that want to implement the NWCSP Lower Limb Recommendations to a 'Learning Collaborative'. Sharing and learning alongside the FImpS and other organisations will provide opportunities for collective learning and improve understanding about how to deploy data, analytics and insight to drive change.

Lower Limb Update

Elsewhere in the Lower Limb Workstream, work to develop patient facing resources is underway, with the support of the Patient Experience Network (PEN). Recent research exploring the barriers and facilitators to compression therapy use (VenUS V) will underpin this work. Keep checking our website for details.

We are also starting work on referral pro-formas for Endovenous Ablation and peripheral arterial disease revascularisation.

Surgical Wounds Update

Although our main focus has been the lower limb work, we are now turning our attention to how to improve the surveillance of surgical wound breakdown. Our work on metrics for both lower limb wounds and pressure ulcers will help inform our proposals in this field.

Recommendations for Digital Imaging

The Digital Imaging Recommendations are now available on the NWCSP website. The recommendations provide practical advice for health and care professionals across all care settings where digital wound images are used.

Wound Management Digital Systems Functional Overview

The NWCSP Wound Management Digital Systems (WMDS) Functional Overview is now available for use in the NHS. If you are an NHS professional looking to develop a local WMDS procurement template, take a look for advice on best practice and help with essential and desirable criteria. The Functional Overview is available from our website.

The Future of Online Learning

Work has begun to develop the content for the next phase of our online learning sessions for new modules including **Choosing and Applying Compression**, **the Foot at Risk** and **Wound Product Selection**.

These modules will be added to the existing suite of online modules which can be found here.

Pressure Ulcer Data and National Secondary Care Datasets

We are delighted to announce the publication of the latest tissue viability paper in Wounds UK, which briefly introduces national secondary care data sets and their use in capturing and reporting pressure ulcer occurrence.

This paper introduces the concept of using more suitable data sources to capture and report pressure ulcer metrics, using data from existing sources and reducing the burden of data collection for clinical staff. This paper follows the publication of the Brief History of Pressure Ulcer Management paper in June

Marginalised Voices in Wound Care: Free Download

Readers can access new article, *Marginalised voices in wound care, experiences of people who inject drugs living with leg ulceration "The Gutter, the Nick or a Box!!"* by Jemell Geraghty and Sally Kendall, before this link closes on **6th November 2021.**