

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



**National Wound Care
Strategy Programme**

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme has been commissioned by NHS England to develop recommendations to support the prevention and care of pressure ulcers, lower limb ulcers and surgical wounds. People with wounds, carers, suppliers and health and care professionals can stay up to date with our December newsletter.

WELCOME JACKY EDWARDS

We are delighted to welcome Jacky Edwards, who joined the programme earlier this year as Workstream Lead for Surgical Wounds and Wound Infection. We plan to focus on creating some further education resources for wound infection and surgical wounds and also on improving data and information about surgical wound healing.



UPDATE FROM TRANSFORMING WOUND CARE

The Transforming Wound Care national programme, delivered by the AHSN Network, aims to ensure all patients with lower limb wounds receive evidence-based care, using the evidence, learning and recommendations from the NWCSP.

We're delighted to see the programme progressing well, with 6 Test and Evaluation Sites now on board and beginning implementation.

The 6 AHSNs participating during phase one of the programme are Oxford AHSN, Eastern AHSN, East Midlands AHSN, Health Innovation Network (the AHSN for South London), Kent, Surrey and Sussex AHSN and South West AHSN.



LEG ULCER RECOMMENDATIONS CONSULTATION (CLOSES 6PM 20TH JANUARY)

We are updating the Recommendations for Lower Limb Care published in 2020 to incorporate learning from the First Tranche Implementation Sites. We have decided to separate the recommendations for leg ulcer care and recommendations for foot ulcer care: together these will form the Lower Limb Recommendations. The [Leg Ulcer Recommendations](#) are now out for consultation and we would like to invite health and care professionals, wound product suppliers and people with wounds and their carers to send feedback. Let us know what you think by completing this [short survey](#).



DDI INFORMATION STANDARD CONSULTATION (CLOSES 9AM 3RD JANUARY)

There are more than 2 million people living with non-healing wounds in the UK. The professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) and the National Wound Care Strategy Programme consulted widely with health and care professionals and people to identify what information is needed to improve wound care and the PRSB developed a draft information standard to support improving practice and outcomes in wound care. We have now launched a [wound care survey](#) to test its usability. Please take 10 minutes to fill it out. The deadline is 9am on the 3rd of January.

ROUTES OF SUPPLY

The NWCSP's Review of Routes of Supply and Distribution resource is available on the [NWCSP website](#). This resource is designed to provide a source of information for health care providers and commissioners on the current routes of supply and distribution for wound management products in England.

ENGAGING WITH EVIDENCE

We cannot remove uncertainty from clinical decision-making but we can reduce it through using evidence to inform our practice. [Our Engaging with Evidence guide](#) will help health and care professionals to understand different types of evidence for wound care.



COMING SOON: PRESSURE ULCER CONSULTATION

The draft Pressure Ulcer Recommendations and Clinical Pathway are due to be sent out for consultation in early 2023. Keep checking our website to find out more.

COMPRESSION RESOURCE

Our resource to help people with venous leg ulcers with compression therapy is available on the [NWCSP website](#).



PRESSURE ULCERS

This year, the NWCSP held a very successful Stop the Pressure campaign across the whole week. Working with the Society of Tissue Viability, the campaign focussed on a 4 Nations approach to risk assessment. We were fortunate to have video messages from the office of all 4 Chief Nurses from the UK, developed a series of conversational style videos about the elements of PURPOSE T and also recorded several videos with patients which highlighted how pressure ulcers can happen to anyone. Additional resources including quizzes and games were extremely popular. Engagement with the resources and the Stop the Pressure hash tag across the week was phenomenal and planning starts very soon to do it all again next year.

The NWCSP is also working closely with the NHS E Patient Safety Team and the NHS E Nursing Directorate Quality and Safety Team through regular meetings to coordinate quality improvement for pressure ulcers.

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The National Wound Care Strategy Programme has a brand-new LinkedIn page! [Pay us a visit](#) for the latest events, updates and news relating to our work.



We wish you all Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

For further information about the National Wound Care Strategy Programme, visit: www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net

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