



**National Wound Care Strategy Programme Oversight and Transformation
Board Meeting**

Board Summary Notes

These notes summarise the business of the NWCSF Board which met on 15th March 2023.

- Following Mike Burrows' retirement, the NWCSF now reports to Laura Semple in the AHSN Network (with oversight from Charlotte Walton).
- The consultation proposals presented at the last Stakeholder Council Meeting had been ratified (Foot Ulcer Recommendations, a Lower Limb Recommendations for Education resource and Lower Limb and Pressure Ulcer Best Practice Bundles).
 - The Foot Ulcer Recommendations consultation has been published.
 - Webinars will form part of future stakeholder consultations.
- The Pressure Ulcer Draft Recommendations and Clinical Pathway consultation is live.
- The NWCSF aims to complete the full suite of wound care education resources by March 2024.
- The Surgical Wounds Workstream will focus on the prevention and management of surgical wound complications and thus be renamed the Surgical Wound Complications Workstream.
- Following a request from the NHS England (NHS E) Productivity and Efficiency Board, the NWCSF, in partnership with the NHS E Transformation Directorate, has submitted the lower limb work for consideration for national prioritisation.
- The NWCSF has adopted a new Plan on a Page chart format for project management which will be included in future NWCSF Highlight Reports to Board.
- The 6 Test and Evaluation Sites (TES') are now reporting data but the data quality will need to be reviewed to check that it reflects reality.
- The Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) Transforming Wound Care Programme (TWC) has recruited Yorkshire and Humber AHSN to deliver a Test and Evaluation site and an existing TWC AHSN will recruit a second site.
- The TWC, NWCSF and Patient Experience Network (PEN) has co-produced a compression therapy patient information leaflet which is being translated into the top 10 languages in England and Wales.
- Increased website traffic continues (Approx. 8,000 people visit the website a month) helped by social media activity. The new NWCSF LinkedIn account contributes well.
- A FimpS conference would take place in London the following week. Video interviews with the FimpS will be developed for the website and social media to share learning.
- The NWCSF has been advised to expect a 30% reduction in core funding from April 2023 onwards and this has been factored into budgeting.
- A rise in programme risks was noted, relating to uncertainty about funding and current industrial action. Once more information is confirmed, the NWCSF will confirm its mitigation plans.
- The Behaviour Change report about digitalisation in community services was presented to the Board. The report gives useful insight into the challenges and the findings have been shared with the FimpS and will be used to inform further NWCSF implementation support.
- The Draft Annual Report was presented to the Board. Once feedback has been received, the final version will be published on the NWCSF website.
- A review outlining the inconsistencies about advice about preventing and managing wound infection within NICE outputs will be submitted to NICE.
- Dr Una Adderley was confirmed as the new Chair of the Stakeholder Council.