



**National Wound Care
Strategy Programme**

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) aims to ensure that every patient across the UK receives excellent wound care.

Commissioned by NHS England, the programme develops recommendations to support the prevention and care of pressure ulcers, leg and foot ulcers and surgical wound complications. People with wounds, carers, suppliers and health and care professionals can stay up to date with programme developments by [subscribing to this newsletter](#).

PRESSURE ULCER RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLINICAL PATHWAY

We are delighted to report that the Pressure Ulcer Recommendations and Clinical Pathway are now available for use on the [NWCSP website](#). The recommendations are designed for the prevention and management of pressure ulcers, which are regarded as being in the top ten harms in the NHS in England.

The Pressure Ulcer Recommendations and Clinical Pathway aims to reduce pressure ulcers and associated harm to improve patient outcomes and experiences of care. The NWCSP is currently working with the NHS England Nursing Directorate and Patient Safety Team to develop implementation strategies for quality improvement for pressure ulcer care.

NWCSP UPDATE AT THE BRITISH LYMPHOLOGY SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Clinical Implementation Manager, Rachael Lee presented an update on the NWCSP implementation work at the 2023 British Lymphology Society Conference - presenting to healthcare professionals responsible for caring for people with lymphoedema and chronic oedema.

During the session, Rachael explained the current challenges faced in wound care services for leg and foot ulcers and the work taking place to address these. This includes the work and early findings of the First Tranche Implementation Sites and the NWCSP resources designed to support implementation.

To watch this session again, view the recording on the [NWCSP website](#).



WOUNDS UK

The NWCSP team were delighted to attend the 2023 Wounds UK Conference in Harrogate in early November.

In addition to exhibiting at the event, NWCSP Director Una Adderley and Pressure Ulcer Clinical Lead Jacqui Fletcher gave presentations on the work of the NWCSP, including the recently published [Foot Ulcer Recommendations](#) and the programme's pressure ulcer work.

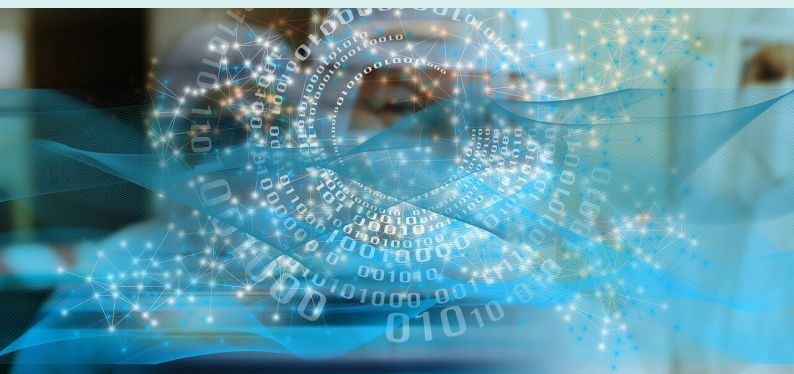


UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL NEEDS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES USER RESEARCH

The NHS England national community health services digital team are on a mission to amplify the voices of people in community health services. They want to learn about your experiences, challenges and how best to support with digital technology.

If you would like to participate, please contact england.communityhealthserviceorg@nhs.net

Please also take a few moments to complete a [short survey](#) to help NHS England better understand the challenges across community health services and the digital and technology needs of the workforce.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IPC WOUND CARE CONFERENCE 23RD - 24TH APRIL 2024 BIRMINGHAM

Dr Una Adderley, Director of the NWCSP will be speaking along with NWCSP colleagues at the national IPC and Wound Care Conference.

Book your fully funded place by [registering with the code WC1](#).

EWMA AND SOTV CONFERENCE 1ST-2ND MAY 2024

The Society of Tissue Viability (SoTV) has partnered with the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) to host the [34th EWMA conference](#) and is offering [free places](#).

WOUND CARE WORKFORCE FRAMEWORK

The NWCSP has expanded the National Wound Care Core Capabilities Framework to include recommendations for education and a career framework.

The [Wound Care Workforce Framework](#) created by the NWCSP and Skills for Health is designed to complement existing documents and provide a consistent, comprehensive framework developed by and for a multi-professional audience.

Alongside a suite of [free to access education resources](#), this Framework should equip health and care practitioners with wound care knowledge and skill.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE FIRST TRANCHE IMPLEMENTATION SITES

The First Tranche Implementation sites have carried out valuable work implementing the NWCSP's Lower Limb Recommendations. This work has helped the programme to gain a good understanding of best practices that can be applied to other healthcare settings to improve lower limb care on a wider scale.

Staff working on our First Tranche Implementation sites discuss the learning, challenges and achievements of implementing the NWCSP Lower Limb Recommendations in a new series of [video interviews](#).



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

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