

National Wound Care Strategy Programme Oversight and Transformation Board Meeting

Board Summary Notes

These notes summarise the business of the NWCSP Board which met on 21st September 2023.

- It is hoped that the Leg Ulcer and Pressure Ulcer Best Practice Bundles will be mentioned in the launch of this year's Nursing Strategy in November. The NWCSP will undertake a stakeholder consultation for these bundles that is aligned with NHSE requirements.
- Wound care is likely to be one of the proposed priorities within the NHS England Community Nursing Plan.
- The NWCSP has been included in an update in a Director of Nursing and ICB meeting in the North-East and Yorkshire region. The NWCSP will be an agenda item at the next meeting between the Regional Chief Nurses and ICB Leads to share information more widely.
- The NWCSP is awaiting final feedback for the Wound Care Workforce Framework consultation but the updated document will likely be published in the next few weeks.
- The stakeholder consultation for the draft Surgical Wound Complications Recommendations is imminent.
- Work on the Transforming Wound Care (TWC) metrics continues and the TWC programme is working with the NWCSP to ensure alignment with the NWCSP Best Practice Bundle.
- The NWCSP website has seen a significant increase in visitors. Social media and inclusion in bulletins has extended the reach of the programme's communications.
- NWCSP funding has been reduced by almost 37% due to the overall NHS E funding cuts.
- Following the departure of Laura Semple, Sarah Robinson will be the new point of contact within the AHSN for the NWCSP.
- There has been an increase in the level of risk due to the reductions in funding and future funding uncertainty.
- The draft Leg Ulcer Best Practice Bundle was presented to the Board and received positive feedback.
- Following the presentation of the NWCSP leg ulcer proposals to the Productivity and Efficiency Board in August, the NWCSP has been asked to present these proposals to the NHS England Efficiency and Productivity Executive Group (EPEG) in October. The NWCSP are in conversation to ensure the proposals align with the NHS England priorities and direction of travel.
- NICE have thanked the NWCSP for raising some points around NICE outputs on wound infection and will begin work to address these.