

# AUGUST NEWSLETTER



The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) 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 August newsletter.

## ENABLING CHANGE: A VISION FOR SUPPORTED SELF CARE

NWCSP Director, Una Adderley was invited to speak at the launch of the recommendations for supported self care from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Vascular and Venous Disease. Visit the [NWCSP website](#) to find out more.



## LOWER LIMB RECOMMENDATIONS SUITE

The NWCSP has updated the Recommendations for Lower Limb Care first published in 2020, to incorporate learning from the First Tranche Implementation Sites. The recommendations have been separated into those for leg ulcer care and foot ulcer care, which together form a suite of [lower limb wound recommendations](#).

## NWCSP PARTICIPATES IN HSJ WOUND CARE ROUND TABLE EVENT

Mike Watson, Associate Director for Digital and Data and Jacqui Fletcher, Clinical Lead for Pressure Ulcers recently joined the panel of a Health Service Journal (HSJ) round table event looking at wound care and how best to create value-based pathways across an ICS.

Read about the session in full on the [Health Service Journal website](#).

## PATIENT RESOURCES

Working together, the NWCSP, Transforming Wound Care Programme (TWC) and Patient Experience Network (PEN) have developed a series of patient resources, which are now available on the [NWCSP website](#).

These resources have been created for patients by patients through patient-led co-creation activities. PEN facilitated this work to put patients, carers and family members at the centre of shaping and improving patient care. The patient resources cover a variety of wound care topics with input from health and care professionals and are based on experience and medical information.

Resources include a new leaflet to teach patients how to take a photograph of their wound to empower them to take an active role in their healthcare. This is available on the [NWCSP website](#) in 13 languages.

The compression leaflet for patients is now available on the NWCSP website in two additional languages ([Ukrainian](#) and [Nepalese](#)).



## FIRST TRANCHE IMPLEMENTATION SITE CASE STUDIES

The NWCSP has worked with the First Tranche Implementation Sites (FlmpS) to develop case studies to present the learning and achievements of the sites who have been implementing the NWCSP Lower Limb Recommendations.

The case studies can be found on the [NWCSP website](#).

## PRESSURE ULCER UPDATE

We were delighted to receive over 180 responses to the Pressure Ulcer Clinical Pathway consultation. These have been reviewed and will inform the final version of the documents. Listen back to our [webinar recording](#) to hear a summary of the changes and rationale for some of the decisions made.

Following an interview process, we are delighted to announce that we will be working with two partner organisations, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS and North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, to better understand how to implement the recommendations. The diagnostic phase of implementation will commence in late September.



## WOUNDCARE CONFERENCE 2023

Dr Una Adderley, Director of the NWCSP, will be speaking at the Woundcare Conference 2023 on Thursday 19th October. The event will take place in London, 12noon to 5pm.

Organised by Public Policy Projects, the conference promises to be a culmination of its wound care programme, giving attendees an opportunity to take part in conversations to shape the future of wound care policy.

Find out more on the [Public Policy Projects website](#).

## SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Work continues to develop a new wound product classification system which is suitable for use across all routes of supply for wound management products in England.

The team will soon be looking for support from clinicians who are interested in wound management products (and their use) to assist with some of this work. We will be inviting people to register their interest by completing an online form with their name, role and NHS email address. We will email those who have responded to register online so that they can contribute to this work.

The NWCSP is particularly keen to hear from those who use all types of wound management products in the community, hospital or clinic environments. This information will be used alongside the technical information (eg. size, shape, presentation, product ingredients etc) to classify wound management products in a consistent way to enable digital clinical decision support and to improve the visibility of data on product use across the healthcare economy.

## NICE GUIDANCE: AUTOMATED ANKLE BRACHIAL PRESSURE INDEX MEASUREMENT DEVICES TO DETECT PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE IN PEOPLE WITH LEG ULCERS

New guidance on using automated ankle brachial pressure index measurement devices has been published by NICE to diagnose peripheral arterial disease in people with leg ulcers. View this guidance on the [NICE website](#).



For further information about the National Wound Care Strategy Programme, visit: [www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net](http://www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net)

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