



**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 8th January 2024.

- Charlotte McArdle has taken over as NWCSF Senior Responsible Officer following Margaret Kitching's retirement. Director, Una Adderley and Associate Director, Mike Watson will both be leaving the programme in February 2024.
- The Wound Care Workforce Framework has been published. The consultation feedback for the Surgical Wound Recommendations and the Leg Ulcer Best Practice Bundle is being reviewed and will inform the final versions. The NWCSF is seeking publication of the Leg Ulcer Best Practice Bundle as an NHS England document.
- All AHSN Transforming Wound Care Test and Evaluation sites (TES') are now in delivery phase, all TES sites are participating in the evaluation and the staff surveys are now live. Publication of the evaluation report is expected in August.
- Engagement with key stakeholders continues to inform and direct the development of the Wound Product Classification System. The database now contains a vast amount of information which will inform the appropriate hierarchical categories for clinically comparable products within the classification system. A modified Delphi consensus process is now collecting information about five clinical attributes which suppliers are unable to provide and the results of this will inform the final structure of the classification system. The NWCSF expects to be able to share more information with wound product suppliers in March.
- The NWCSF continue to partner with stakeholders to deliver effective communications, including contributing to news bulletins and external websites. The NWCSF website and social media channels are continuing to see high levels of engagement.
- The Pressure Ulcer diagnostics piece, which involves working with two partner organisations, has been delayed by winter pressures but work has now begun and an interim report is expected in March.
- The NWCSF team is now working with the NHS England Primary care and Community Services Directorate and has been asked to develop a service specification to support implementation of the Leg Ulcer Best Practice Bundle.