



**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](#).

THANK YOU TO NWCSP DIRECTORS AS THEY MOVE ON TO PASTURES NEW

We would like to extend our thanks to Dr Una Adderley, who retired from her position as National Wound Care Strategy Programme Director at the end of February. Una is an experienced nurse clinician, lecturer and researcher who has led the NHS England-commissioned programme since its inception and is and will continue to be an inspiration to many.

Mike Watson, NWCSP Associate Director, moved to a new role within the NHS in mid-February and we would like to thank Mike for his significant contributions to the NWCSP and the Health Innovation Network's Transforming Wound Care Programme.

Change brings about opportunities and we would like to congratulate Rachael Lee who is being promoted to Acting Programme Manager for the NWCSP. Rachael is a registered nurse and also has a background as a specialist nurse leading tissue viability services across both acute and community settings. She has held roles in research, leadership, quality and integration and has led clinical implementation for lower limb wound care in the NWCSP team for the last three years. We wish Rachael every success in her new role.

ENHANCED HEALTH IN CARE HOMES

We welcome the refreshed Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH) framework published by NHS England at the end of November 2023 and are delighted to have contributed to the latest update.

The Enhanced Health in Care Homes (EHCH) framework is for primary care networks (PCNs) and providers and commissioners of community health and social care services. It guides the commissioning of and delivery arrangements for health and social care services in collaboration with care homes, so that the entire system works together to provide personalised care, improve outcomes and promote independence for people living in care. Topics within the guidance range from nutrition to skin and wound care and leg and foot ulcer care.

Rachael Lee, NWCSP Acting Programme Manager, commented, "The Enhanced Health in Care Homes framework is essential reading for those working in or to support care homes and we were pleased to provide our expertise in leg and foot ulcer and pressure ulcer care. We are thrilled that the framework signposts care homes to the NWCSP guidance for leg and foot ulcers which will help to ensure patients receive best practice care and hope our more recently published pressure ulcer care guidance will also be useful."

Access the framework through [the NWCSP website](#).



SUPPORTED SELF-CARE: TAKING A PHOTO OF YOUR WOUND POSTERS

Giving people with wounds the support to play an active role in their wound care can improve their self-confidence and quality of life. Wound photographs can help monitor healing and assist health and care providers in delivering the best possible care.

The NWCSP, Patient Experience Network and Health innovation Network's Transforming Wound Care programme have created two new posters to help people take photos of their wound on a phone or camera.

These **free posters** can be printed and displayed in clinics or GP surgeries to help people with wounds play an active role in their care.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IPC WOUND CARE CONFERENCE 23RD - 24TH APRIL 2024

Clinical Leads, Jacqui Fletcher and Jacky Edwards will be speaking at the national IPC and Wound Care Conference - giving updates on NWCSP work relating to pressure ulcers and surgical wound complications. The event will also feature a recorded NWCSP programme overview message from Una Adderley.

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

EWMA AND SOTV CONFERENCE 1ST-3RD 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**.

Una Adderley and Jacky Edwards will be giving presentations on making change and education respectively. Come and visit the NWCSP on stand L14!

PRESSURE ULCER DATA COLLECTION

The NWCSP has released new guidance for secondary care trusts on using the Model Health System for pressure ulcer data collection. This system is designed to offer a standardised approach, reducing variation and improving national data accuracy.

Back in 2020 and 2021, the NWCSP and National Stop the Pressure Programme jointly agreed to use existing national data sets as the data source for reporting pressure ulcer prevalence and incidence. This results in a move away from auditing and similar practices that take clinicians away from time spent with patients and towards the collection of data via coded clinical records made at the time of care.

Guidance includes a briefing document and Model Hospital how-to guide, which are available on **the NWCSP website**.

STOP THE PRESSURE

The NWCSP joined forces with the Society of Tissue Viability and all four nations to create and deliver the campaign for Stop the Pressure Week 2023.

We provided £5,000 for the campaign, which was matched by the Society of Tissue Viability and contributed to the creation of multiple resources including study days, webinars, quizzes, videos and a series of documents. View these resources through **the NWCSP website**.



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

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