National Wound Care Strategy Programme

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Everyone at the NWCSP has been very busy during the COVID-19 pandemic, working on ways to standardise wound care, maximise positive outcomes and support healthcare colleagues. As the summer of 2020 draws to a close, we would like to share our progress:

Consultations

The most recent consultations for our lower limb and surgical wound recommendations closed on the 21st of July and 14th of August respectively. Overall, there was very positive feedback with some useful suggestions. We are working on final versions and will be seeking approval of the final version of the Lower Limb Recommendations at our September Board Meeting.

We are also about to send out a new consultation to gain feedback on our proposals for the requirements of wound management digital systems (aka 'apps'). Please look out for this and let us know your views.

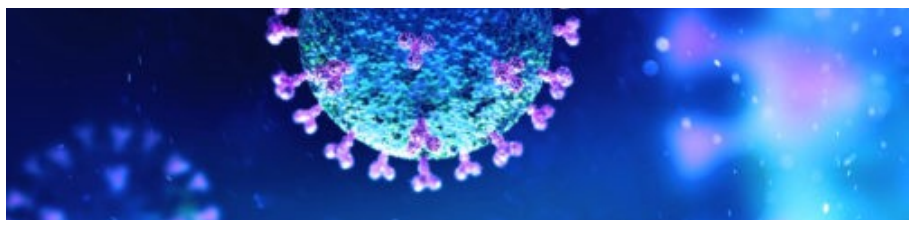
Recommendations for Legs and Feet

We have developed a business case for implementing our lower limb proposals to standardise leg and foot ulcer care across the country.

We are in discussions with NHS England and others to plan implementation and it is likely that we will be seeking to work with a few trial implementation sites to test our proposals, evaluate the business case assumptions and develop a plan for national roll out. We will soon be advertising for these 1st tranche implementation sites using the usual NWCSP routes so keep an eye on our website and Twitter feed.

Product Classification System

The initial testing of the proposed wound care product classification system will soon be finished. The next stage will be to share progress to date with NHS Supply Chain,
NHS Business Services Authority and industry.



Website resources for COVID-19

Following the COVID-19 pandemic peak, the NWCSP has been working closely with NHS England to develop plans for wound care for the COVID recovery period. You will find a collection of resources on our website at the address below.

Remote Consultations and Wound Care

NWCSP Director, Una Adderley and Data and Information Group Chair, Ann Jacklin spoke at NHS England and Improvement's Video Consultation in Wound Care Settings webinar on the 15th of July. The webinar gave an opportunity for healthcare professionals to share experiences and learning from remote consultations. A full webinar recording can be found on our website.

Wound Care Capability Framework

Work has begun on the development of a multi-professional, multi-level Wound Care Capability Framework, in partnership with Health Education England and Skills for Health.

The framework will be developed by and aimed at an inter-professional audience, including health and care workers who work outside specialist wound services. The framework will be completed in early 2021. More information can be found at: NWCSP Wound Care Framework

Pressure Ulcer and Leg Ulcer CQUINs

Following the suspension of the whole 2020-21 CQUIN programme (including the Pressure Ulcer and Leg Ulcer CQUINs) the CQUIN team have now started planning for 2021-22. NHS Community service organisations wanting to know more about the proposed lower limb CQUIN, can seek to join the NHS Futures CQUIN section of the workspace by emailing una.adderley@yhahsn.com

Wounds and Digital Imaging

A new NWCSP Digital Imaging group has been formed to consider the clinical aspects of digital images in wound care. We are developing draft recommendations for taking and managing digital images (which will be the subject of a consultation).

Expanding our Team

With all of this going on, we are looking to recruit talented individuals to support our highly successful programme.

We are currently seeking to recruit another Administrator to join our team and there are also plans to recruit fixed term, funded leads for the surgical wounds and lower limb workstreams and other aspects of the programme. These will be advertised through the usual NWCSP routes.

You can keep up to date at: www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net

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