

## Statement clarifying the role of the National Wound Care Strategy Programme in relation to the supply of wound care products (7th August 2019)

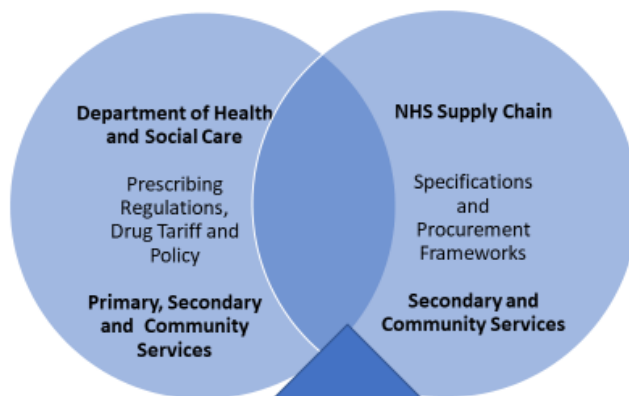
The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSPP) has been commissioned by NHS England and Improvement and is working with key partners to develop recommendations to support excellence in care for people with chronic wounds. The NWCSPP Supply and Distribution workstream is responsible for considering issues about the supply and distribution of wound care products.

The NWCSPP recognises that success will depend on recognising and addressing interdependencies between different stakeholders and services involved in wound care. This is reflected in the programme contributing to the ongoing work of NHS Supply Chain, NHS Business Services Authority, NHS England and Improvement and the Department of Health and Social Care and others around the supply of wound care products.

The role of the NWCSPP Supply and Distribution workstream is to:

- Develop a wound care product classification system that could be adopted by others to improve clinical practice;
- Contribute clinical expertise to NHS partners' development of wound care product specifications;
- Develop a set of principles of good practice for systems of supply and distribution of wound care products;
- Review unwarranted variation in product usage at national, regional and local level and to develop recommendations to reduce such variation; and
- Identify examples of good practice for widespread implementation.

### Supply of wound care products into the NHS



Role of NWCSPP is to:

1. Develop a wound care product classification system for improving clinical practice;
2. Contribute clinical expertise to NHS partners' development of wound care product specifications;
3. Recommend principles of good practice for systems of supply;
4. Recommend how to reduce unwarranted variation in product usage;
5. ID examples of good practice to support adoption.

The NWCSPP is **not** responsible for:

Tendering or procurement processes for wound care products;  
Work to review NHS procurement approaches; **or**  
Primary care prescribing system policies.  
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