



BRIEFING

Lower Limb Care – 1st Tranche Implementation Sites

Introduction

The burden of UK chronic lower limb wound care is both large and growing and is coupled with significant and unwarranted variation in the use of evidence-based care. This presents a valuable opportunity for quality improvement to deliver better patient outcomes and secure better value from existing resources in line with the requirements of the recent NHS Long Term Plan.

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) has been tasked with developing a wound care national strategy for England. The national strategy is being designed by working with key partners to:

- establish the underlying clinical and economic case for change,
- identify the desirable improvements in patient care and health outcomes, and
- describe the necessary changes and interventions required to deliver these improvements.

Improving chronic lower limb wound care is a programme priority.

The NWCSP has published draft [clinical recommendations for chronic lower limb wounds](#)¹. These form the foundation of a model of service improvement that can be implemented to achieve better patient outcomes and more effective use of health care resources. The core components of the model of service improvement are:

1. Changing the model of care provision to allow more people with chronic lower limb wounds to receive care in dedicated chronic lower limb services staffed by clinicians with appropriate time, knowledge, and skills.
2. Increasing the delivery of evidence-based care.
3. Improving data and information to support clinical decision making and enable quality improvement to be monitored.

The Invitation

NHS organisations are invited to send in expressions of interest in becoming sites for the 1st tranche of implementation to make early progress in implementing the recommendations of the National Wound Care Strategy relating to lower limb care.

We are seeking up to 3 sites to become part of this initial implementation cohort.

¹ <https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/@NWCSP-DRAFT-Lower-Limb-Recommendations-20.03.20.pdf>



Requirements

Proposals will be expected to demonstrate:

- A commitment and readiness to implementing the strategy recommendations
- Full commitment to developing an implementation case that describes resourcing, timelines and planned outcomes (from both a provider and patient perspective)
- Full support from all relevant local partners including commissioners, provider organisations and Primary Care Networks ideally with full ICS/STP support
- Adoption of a recognised service improvement programme management methodology with a supporting timeline and support from the local AHSN partner
- Commitment to release front line staff to undertake training and education
- Implementation of digital tools including the use of mobile technology to support the provision of evidence-based care and its measurement
- Active engagement of service users
- How early implementation of strategy recommendations addresses health inequalities
- Commitment to work as part of an implementation collaborative group
- Commitment to evaluation of implementation work
- Commitment to developing a blueprint for implementation for other NHS organisations

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest should use the attached template for submission to NatWoundStrat@yhahsn.com no later than 5pm 20th November 2020.

A question and answer webinar for prospective economies/sites will be held on 19th October 2020 at 10:00am [National Wound Care Strategy Programme Update Webinar](#)