Abstract

**The National Wound Care Strategy Programme & Pressure Ulcers**

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The Stop the Pressure Programme (StPP) was originally commenced in the East of England in 2011, spreading across the centre of England to encompass the Midlands when the 2 Strategic Health Authorities merged in 2012. The initiative was re invigorated and restarted in 2016 under the auspices of NHS Improvement.

In 2018 funding was found by NHS England to commence a National Wound Care Strategy (NWCS) which would cover the 3 main chronic wounds, namely Pressure Ulcers, Lower Limb Wounds and Surgical Wounds (non-healing). The StPP thus became linked with the NWCS. Early in 2019 NHS England and NHS Improvement came together and are now known as NHS England and NHS Improvement.

The Stop the Pressure Programme has a core of work some of which was completed prior to the impact of COVID and some of which continues post COVID. In addition, there were specific pressure ulcer related activities that occurred during the 1st wave of the pandemic and of course preparation for any resurgence.

This presentation will highlight some of the key activities of the programme including ongoing work

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