

SPSP Acute Adult Programme

Pressure Ulcer

Change Package

2023

Introduction



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Welcome to the pressure ulcer change package

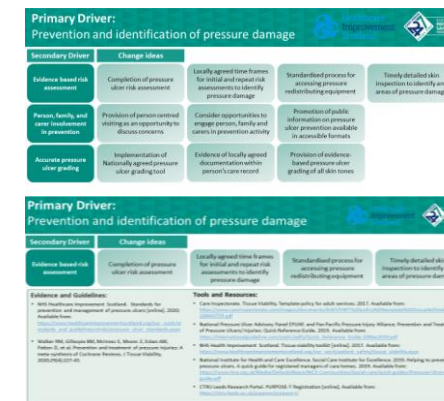
The aim of the pressure ulcer change package is to provide evidence-based guidance to support the prevention of acquired pressure ulcers developed in a care setting. A change package consists of high-level outcomes supported by activities that when tested and implemented, lead to improvement. It brings together what is known about best practices and processes based on evidence from literature, research, and the experiences of others.

How it was developed?

This change package was co-designed with clinical and quality improvement experts from across a range of care settings and NHS Boards. Clinical experts were from disciplines including nursing, podiatry and quality improvement. An Expert Reference Group was convened in September 2022 and met four times.

The change package has also been informed by those with lived experience. Through a [discovery conversation model](#), themes from experiences of people with lived experience with pressure ulcers were identified and informed the development of the key drivers for improvement.

Contents and how to use the package



The change package includes:



- a driver diagram;
- a national aim,
- primary drivers,
- secondary drivers, and
- change ideas.

The change package splits each primary driver into secondary drivers and associated change ideas.

Evidence, guidelines, tools, and resources are also included to support teams to deliver improvement with an evidence base relevant to the secondary driver.

Project teams can also generate their own change ideas. One way of generating change ideas is to use the question:

“How might we improve pressure ulcer prevention and identification in our care setting?”

We have made this an interactive document, if you click on the primary/secondary driver it will take you to additional information including tools and resources relating to that driver. At the top of each page of the secondary drivers, there is an arrow  and home button . The arrow button will take you back to the primary driver page and the home button will take you to the main driver diagram page.

Understanding your system

Why understanding your system is important

An initial step in your quality improvement journey is important to understand how your system is currently working. This will enable you to identify the right improvements to make changes where they are needed.



Understanding
Systems

Methods to understand your system

Listed below are some methods to understand your system.

- [Stakeholder Analysis](#) - used to identify, prioritise and understand your stakeholders.
- [Process Mapping](#) – used to outline the sequential steps in a process.
- [Cause and Effect Analysis](#) – used to explore and record likely causes of problems.
- [Forcefield analysis](#) – helps teams identify, discuss and assess the forces for and against a proposed change.
- [User experience \(including surveys\)](#) – method to gather information from the perspective of a person who interacts with and/or receives something from a service (content under development).
- [Pareto charts](#) – helps teams identify and focus on areas of improvement with the biggest impact.

For more information on Driver Diagrams and other QI tools to support your Quality Improvement journey, visit the [QI Zone](#)

Pressure Ulcer Driver Diagram 2023



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What are we trying to achieve...

**Reduce the number of
acquired pressure ulcers
developed in
[add *care setting*]**

*By [locally agreed aim]
By [locally agreed date]*

Pressure ulcers graded ≥ 2 ,
including: combination
lesions, device related,
mucosal suspected deep
tissue injury, and ungradable

****Essentials of Safe Care***

We need to ensure...

Prevention and identification
of pressure damage

Person centred, evidence
based care

Multidisciplinary Team
communication*

Leadership to support a
culture of safety at all levels*

Which requires...

Evidence based risk assessment

Person, family, and carer involvement* in prevention

Accurate pressure ulcer grading

Shared decision making

Person centred care planning*

Multidisciplinary evidence-based interventions

Timely review

Equitable access to clearly defined care pathways

Transitions in care setting

Use of standardised communication tools*

Management of communication in different situations*

Workforce with skills in prevention and management of pressure
ulcers

Staff wellbeing and psychological safety*

Safe Staffing*

System for learning*

Primary Driver:

Prevention and identification of pressure damage



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Secondary Driver	Change ideas			
Evidence based risk assessment	Completion of pressure ulcer risk assessment	Locally agreed time frames for initial and repeat risk assessments to identify pressure damage	Standardised process for accessing pressure redistributing equipment	Timely detailed skin inspection to identify any areas of pressure damage
Person, family, and carer involvement in prevention	Provision of person centred visiting as an opportunity to discuss concerns	Local process to engage person, family, and carers in prevention of pressure ulcers	Promotion of public information on pressure ulcer prevention available in accessible formats	Process to identify and mitigate barriers to following pressure ulcer prevention guidance
Accurate pressure ulcer grading	Implementation of Nationally agreed pressure ulcer grading tool	Evidence of locally agreed documentation within person's care record	Provision of evidence-based pressure ulcer grading of all skin tones	

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Prevention and identification of pressure damage



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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Evidence based risk
assessment

Completion of pressure
ulcer risk assessment

Locally agreed time frames
for initial and repeat risk
assessments to identify
pressure damage

Standardised process for
accessing pressure
redistributing equipment

Timely detailed skin
inspection to identify any
areas of pressure damage



Evidence and Guidelines:

- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Standards for prevention and management of pressure ulcers [online]. 2020; Available from:
https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/standards_and_guidelines/stnds/pressure_ulcer_standards.aspx
- Walker RM, Gillespie BM, McInnes E, Moore Z, Eskes AM, Patton D, et al. [Prevention and treatment of pressure injuries: A meta-synthesis of Cochrane Reviews](#). J Tissue Viability. 2020;29(4):227-43.

Tools and Resources:

- Care Inspectorate. Tissue Viability. Template policy for adult services. 2017. Available from:
<https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/4187/HWT%20policy%20template%20tissue%20viability%20MASTER.pdf>
- National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel EPUAP, and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance. Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/ Injuries: Quick Reference Guide. 2016. Available from:
<https://www.epuap.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/quick-reference-guide-digital-npuap-epuap-pppia-jan2016.pdf>
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- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. Social Care Institute for Excellence. 2019. Helping to prevent pressure ulcers. A quick guide for registered managers of care homes. 2019. Available from:
<https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/social-care/quick-guides/helping-to-prevent-pressure-ulcers>
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<https://ctrul.leeds.ac.uk/purpose/purpose-t/>

Primary Driver:

Prevention and identification of pressure damage



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Secondary Driver

Person, family, and
carer involvement
in prevention

Change ideas

Provision of person centred
visiting as an opportunity to
discuss concerns

Local process to engage
person, family and carers in
pressure ulcer prevention

Promotion of public
information on pressure
ulcer prevention available
in accessible formats

Process to identify and
mitigate barriers to
following pressure ulcer
prevention guidance

Evidence and Guidelines:

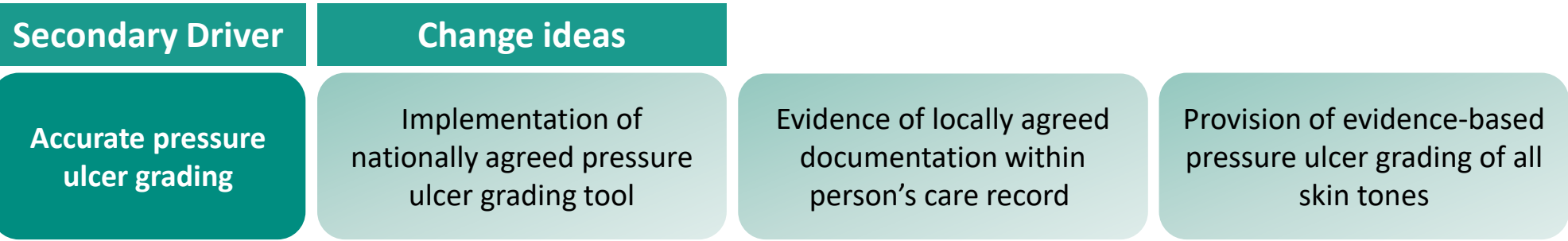
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- Engelen M, van Dulmen S, Vermeulen H, de Laat E, van Gaal B. [The content and effectiveness of self-management support interventions for people at risk of pressure ulcers: A systematic review](#). Int J Nurs Stud. 2021;122: e104014.

Tools and Resources:

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. What matters to you? [online]. 2021. Available from: <https://www.whatmatterstoyou.scot/>
- NHS Education for Scotland. The Health Literacy Place: Techniques [online]. 2021. Available from: <http://www.healthliteracyplace.scot.nhs.uk/toolkit/techniques/>
- NHS Education for Scotland. Person centred care [online]. 2021. Available from: <https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/person-centred-care/>
- NHS inform. Pressure ulcers [online]. 2020. Available from: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/pressure-ulcers>

Primary Driver:

Prevention and identification of pressure damage



Evidence and Guidelines:

- Chung ML, Widdel M, Kirchhoff J, Sellin J, Jelali M, Geiser F, et al. [Risk factors for pressure ulcers in adult patients: A meta-analysis on sociodemographic factors and the Braden scale](#). J Clin Nurs. 2022;00:1-14.
- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Grading and prevalence tools [online]. 2019; Available from: https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/patient_safety/tissue_viability/grading_and_tools.aspx
- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Standards for prevention and management of pressure ulcers [online]. 2020; Available from: https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/standards_and_guidelines/stnds/pressure_ulcer_standards.aspx

Tools and Resources:

- Care Inspectorate. Tissue viability. Template policy for adult services [online]. 2017. Available from: <https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/4187/HWT%20policy%20template%20tissue%20viability%20MASTER.pdf>
- National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel EPUAP, and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance. Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries: Quick Reference Guide [online]. 2016. Available from: <https://www.epuap.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/quick-reference-guide-digital-npuap-epuap-pppia-jan2016.pdf>
- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Assessment tool for darkly pigmented skin [online]. 2019; Available from: https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/patient_safety/tissue_viability_resources/dark_pigment_assessment_tool.aspx
- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Grading and prevalence tools [online]. 2019; Available from: https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/patient_safety/tissue_viability/grading_and_tools.aspx
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Primary Driver:

Person centred, evidence based care



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Secondary Driver	Change ideas			
Shared decision making	What matters to you conversations to inform decision making	Use of realistic medicine approach to inform decision making	Provision of accessible treatment information to facilitate shared decision making	Non-concordance documented in line with locally defined process
Person centred care planning	Evidence of person centred care planning / Individualised care agreement	Collaborative care planning involving person, family and carer	Testing of tools to communicate person's physical and cognitive ability	Locally agreed use of what matters to you conversations
Multidisciplinary evidence-based interventions	Use of evidence-based interventions	Delivery of evidence-based wound management	Appropriate and timely use of pressure redistributing equipment	Locally defined criteria & process for pressure ulcer photography to inform wound management
Timely review	Timely reassessment of skin	Regular collaborative review of person centred care plan	Standardised care rounding process	
Equitable access to clearly defined care pathways	Locally defined criteria & process for specialist review and intervention	Standardised process for accessing pressure redistributing equipment	Locally agreed process to include skin assessment in handover between care settings	Clear process for people, families, and carers to access healthcare for PU related concerns

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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Shared decision
making

What matters to you
conversations to inform
decision making

Non-concordance
documented in line with
locally defined process

Provision of accessible
treatment information to
facilitate shared decision
making

Use of realistic medicine
approach to inform
decision making

Evidence and Guidelines:

- Care Inspectorate. Guide for Providers on Personal Planning – Adults. 2021. Available from: <https://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/4665/personal-plans-guide-adults-final-05112021.pdf>
- Scottish Government. Realistic Medicine: A Fair and Sustainable Future: Chief Medical Officer for Scotland annual report [online]. 2022; Available from: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/cmo-annual-report-2022-realistic-medicine-fair-sustainable-future/pages/1/>

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- NHS Education for Scotland. The Health Literacy Place: Techniques [online]. 2021. Available from: <http://www.healthliteracyplace.scot.nhs.uk/toolkit/techniques/>
- NHS inform. Pressure ulcers [online]. 2020. Available from: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/pressure-ulcers>
- TURAS: NHS Education for Scotland. Realistic Medicine [online]. 2022. Available from: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/18350/realistic-medicine>

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Secondary Driver

Person centred care
planning

Change ideas

Evidence of person
centred care planning /
Individualised care
agreement

Collaborative care
planning involving person,
family and carer

Testing of tools to
communicate person's
physical and cognitive
ability

Locally agreed use of
what matters to you
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Evidence and Guidelines:

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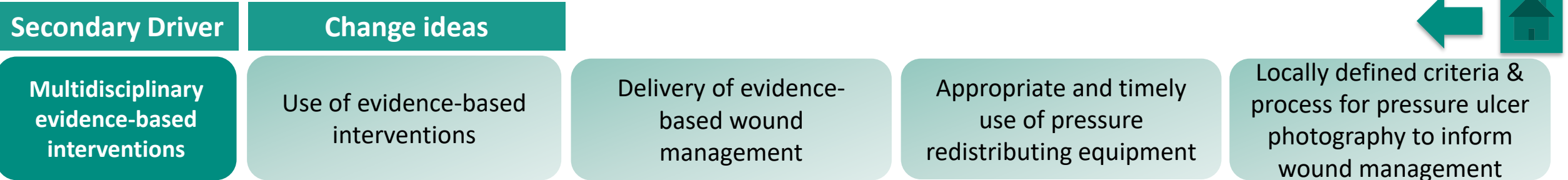
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- Scottish Social Services Council. Building collaboration and compassion for integrated working. A booklet of stories for the social service workforce [online]. 2018. Available from: <https://lms.learn.sssc.uk.com/course/view.php?id=6>

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Primary Driver:

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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Timely review

Timely reassessment of
skin

Regular collaborative
review of person centred
care plan

Standardised care
rounding process

Evidence and Guidelines:

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Standards for prevention and management of pressure ulcers [online]. 2020. Available from: https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/standards_and_guidelines/stnds/pressure_ulcer_standards.aspx
- Royal College of Physicians. Modern ward rounds [online]. 2021. Available from: <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/modern-ward-rounds>
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Tools and Resources:

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Primary Driver:

Person centred, evidence based care



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Secondary Driver

Equitable access to
clearly defined
care pathways

Change ideas

Locally defined criteria &
process for specialist
review and intervention

Standardised process for
accessing pressure
redistributing equipment

Locally agreed process to
include skin assessment in
handover between care
settings

Clear process for people,
families, and carers to
access healthcare for PU
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Tools and Resources:

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- NHS Education Scotland. SBAR [online]. Available from: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3408/quality-improvement-zone/qi-tools/sbar>
- NHS Education for Scotland. The Health Literacy Place: Techniques [online]. 2021. Available from: <http://www.healthliteracyplace.scot.nhs.uk/toolkit/techniques/>
- NHS inform. Pressure ulcers[online]. 2020. Available from: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/pressure-ulcers>
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Primary Driver:

Multidisciplinary team communication



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Secondary Driver	Change ideas			
Transitions in care setting	Locally agreed process to include skin assessment in handover between care settings	Process to include pressure ulcer information in immediate discharge letter	Reliable process for timely access to pressure redistributing equipment in new care setting	Locally agreed process to involve carers in planning for transitions in care
Use of standardised communication tools	Use of locally agreed communication tools such as SBAR	Evidence of locally agreed pressure ulcer documentation		
Management of communication in different situations	Locally agreed process to identify people with a pressure ulcer + NEWS2≥ at organisational huddles	Identification of people at risk of, or currently with pressure ulcers at team safety briefs / hand overs	Use of structured multidisciplinary meetings which include skin related concerns	Locally agreed process for sharing information between services

Primary Driver:

Multidisciplinary team communication



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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Transitions in care setting

Locally agreed process to include skin assessment in handover between care settings

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Locally agreed process to involve carers in planning for transitions in care

Evidence and Guidelines:

- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). Emergency and acute medical care in over 16s. Quality standard [QS174]. Quality statement 4: Structured patient handovers [online]. Available from: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs174/chapter/Quality-statement-4-Structured-patient-handovers>
- Rowan B et al. [The impact of huddles on a multidisciplinary healthcare teams' work engagement, teamwork and job satisfaction: A systematic review](#). J Eval Clin Pract. 2022;28(3):382-92.
- Suva G et al. [Strategies to support pressure injury best practices by the inter-professional team: A systematic review](#). Int Wound J. 2018;15(4):580-89.

Tools and Resources:

- Care Inspectorate. Good practice communication guide for managers [online]. 2019. Available from: <https://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/3538/good-practice-communication-guide-for-managers.pdf>
- NHS Education Scotland. Structured Handover Education Project [online]. Available from: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/704/patient-safety-zone/structured-handover-education-project>
- NHS Education Scotland. SBAR [online]. Available from: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/3408/quality-improvement-zone/qi-tools/sbar>

Primary Driver:

Multidisciplinary team communication



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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Use of
standardised
communication
tools

Use of locally agreed
communication tools
such as SBAR

Evidence of locally agreed
pressure ulcer
documentation

Evidence and Guidelines:

- Cho S, Lee J L, Kim K S, Kim E M. [Systematic Review of Quality Improvement Projects Related to Intershift Nursing Handover](#). J Nurs Care Qual. 2022; 37(1):8-14.*
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- Park L J. [Using the SBAR handover tool](#). Br J Nurs. 2020;29(14):812-13.*

**Please note these resources may require an NHS login to access.*

Primary Driver:

Multidisciplinary team communication



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Secondary Driver

Management of communication in different situations

Change ideas

Locally agreed process to identify people with a pressure ulcer + NEWS2 \geq at organisational huddles

Identification of people at risk of, or currently with pressure ulcers at team safety briefs / hand overs

Use of structured multidisciplinary meetings which include skin related concerns

Locally agreed process for sharing information between services

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- Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Conduct Safety Briefings [online]. 2018. Available from: <https://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/Changes/ConductSafetyBriefings.aspx>
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Huddles [online]. 2021. Available from: <https://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/Tools/Huddles.aspx>
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- Scottish Social Services Council. Building collaboration and compassion for integrated working. A booklet of stories for the social service workforce [online]. 2018. Available from: <https://lms.learn.sssc.uk.com/course/view.php?id=6>

Primary Driver:

Leadership to support a culture of safety at all levels



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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Workforce with skills in prevention and management of pressure ulcers

Completion of mandatory role specific staff education

Locally defined process to develop staff knowledge and areas of competence

Access to local expertise to support workforce development

Staff wellbeing and psychological safety

Mechanisms for staff to discuss safe delivery of care

Celebrate success in pressure ulcer improvement work

Process to access senior support and discussion

Safe Staffing

Mechanism for effective rostering

Process for mitigation of staffing shortfalls

Process to escalate staffing shortfalls which impact on safe delivery of care

System for learning

Process for people, families and carers to raise safety issues

Local and organisational level reporting for learning

Standardised PU investigation tool & process to share learning

Accessing shared learning through formal and informal networks

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Tools and Resources:

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Evidence and Guidelines:

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement. IHI Framework for Improving Joy in Work [online]. 2017. Available from: <https://www.ihl.org/resources/Pages/IHIWhitePapers/Framework-Improving-Joy-in-Work.aspx>
- Maben J, Ball J, Edmondson A.C. Workplace Conditions. Cambridge University Press [online]. 2023. Available from: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/elements/workplace-conditions/25C68A33BEA428485932BB4E66847133>

Tools and Resources:

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- Scottish Social Services Council. Coaching for Wellbeing [online]. Available from: <https://news.sssc.uk.com/news/coaching-for-wellbeing>
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Primary Driver:

Leadership to support a culture of safety at all levels



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Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Safe Staffing

Mechanism for effective rostering

Process for mitigation of staffing shortfalls

Process to escalate staffing shortfalls which impact on safe delivery of care

Evidence and Guidelines:

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Tools and Resources:

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System for learning

Process for people, families and carers to raise safety issues

Local and organisational level reporting for learning

Standardised PU investigation tool & process to share learning

Accessing shared learning through formal and informal networks



Evidence and Guidelines:

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Adverse events – Guidance on national notification data: January 2022. Available from: <https://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/his/idoc.ashx?docid=105f7c3e-fcbd-4887-8eb9-f7e37c16a0b3&version=-1>
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One Team Approach



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Alongside our Expert Reference Group, the Pressure ulcer change package and measurement framework was developed in collaboration with various teams and departments within Health Improvement Scotland. This One Team approach ensured consistency across programmes with regards to the development of the aim, measures and reporting and presenting data for improvement.

Evidence and Evaluation for Improvement Team (EEvIT)

Through the provision of literature searches, best available evidence informed the development of the Change package.

Data Measurement and Business Intelligence (DMBI)

Providing expertise on all measures, developing a measurement toolkit for teams to use when recording data and presenting data for improvement.

Acute Care Portfolio

Responsible for planning, leading and developing the Change package providing care settings with updated evidence, resources and tools for improvement.

Excellence in Care (EiC)

Contributing to our Expert Reference Groups to advise and ensure alignment with current EiC measures.

National Adverse Events

Advising on current National Reporting standardisation to ensure consistency for teams reporting Pressure Ulcers through Adverse Event reporting.*

Primary Care Portfolio

Ensuring Primary care teams continue to be updated on the development of the change package to promote best practice.

*Currently, the National Standardised Data Set does not require pressure ulcers to be reported as avoidable / unavoidable. The term 'acquired' will be used to inform the aim of the Pressure Ulcer driver diagram and will be updated if any changes develop.

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