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To all Community Pharmacies in NHS Wakefield

Dear Colleague

**Re: Wound Care Products**

We would like to inform you of a joint initiative with Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust that will offer patients a more efficient way of accessing wound care products when under the care of the Adult Community Nursing Service (ACNS).

The current way of working is not efficient and patients can be waiting up to several days post ACNS assessment to be in receipt of the dressings/products to treat their wound(s) in a timely manner.

To summarise the new approach, the ACNS will have access to a limited range of standard formulary dressings/products (in line with the Wound Management Formulary [www.swyapc.org](http://www.swyapc.org)) in each of their localities, this will enable the more efficient application of dressings which will inevitably result in improved healing times and reduction of preventable harm. There is also a significant issue in NHS Wakefield with the levels of over-stocking of dressings in patients' homes and also leading to avoidable waste of valuable NHS resources.

Please find attached the standard wound product stock list that the ACNS will have access to in order for you to adjust your stock levels accordingly. If, on assessment a 'not-stocked' wound care item is required, this will be prescribed by an ACNS Non-Medical Prescriber via FP10. Just to highlight, this initiative only affects patients that are under the care of the ACNS and you will continue to receive prescriptions for indicated wound care products for those patients, who for example reside in nursing homes; are under the age of 18 or being clinically managed by the GP practice.



Thank you for supporting the CCG and Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust to improve the patient experience and level of care they receive.

Kind regards

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