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To all Community Pharmacies in NHS Leeds CCG

We would like to inform you of a joint initiative across the CCG that will offer significant cost savings to the NHS where wound care products are used for patients under Leeds Community Health teams (LCH) or their GP Practice. This change is happening over the next few months and we appreciate the impact this will have on community pharmacy but would like to give you as much notice as possible and be as open as possible about the change ahead.

LCH nursing staff and GP Practice nurses will have access to a limited range of standard formulary dressings/products in line with 'how to choose the correct dressing' in each of their localities. This will enable a more streamlined approach to the dressings they need as the patients wound heals. They will be able to see more of their patients on a daily basis, having direct access to regularly used dressings. In Leeds there is a significant issue with the levels of over-stocking of dressings in patients' homes, leading to avoidable waste of valuable NHS resources noted by community nursing teams.

Please find attached the standard wound product stock list that the LCH/ GP Practice nurses will have access to in order for you to adjust your stock levels as this change will occur over the next three months in a phased approach. **Please note that only the items highlighted on the standard wound product list will not be prescribed on FP10.**

If, on assessment a 'not-stocked' wound care item is required, this will be prescribed by an LCH Non-Medical Prescriber/ or the patients usual GP Practice via the normal FP10 route.

This initiative only affects patients that are under the care of the LCH and/ or GP Practice nurses and you will continue to receive prescriptions for indicated wound care products for example reside in nursing homes and are under the age of 18 or needing specialist wound management products.

Many thanks
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