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10. Improving the assessment of wounds

Indicator	
Indicator name	Improving the assessment of wounds
Indicator weighting (% of CQUIN scheme available)	0.25%
Description of indicator	The indicator aims to increase the number of wounds which have failed to heal after 4 weeks that receive a full wound assessment.
Numerator	<p>Year 1 Number of patients who have a completed full wound assessment (all criteria assessed and documented) within Q2 & Q4 2017/18.</p> <p>Year 2 Number of patients who have a completed full wound assessment (all criteria assessed and documented) within Q2 & Q4 2018/19.</p>
Denominator	<p>Year 1 Number of patients on the provider's caseload with wounds that have failed to heal for 4 weeks or more following self-care, primary, community or specialist care within Q2 & Q4 2017/18.</p> <p>Year 2 Number of patients on the provider caseload with wounds that have failed to heal for 4 weeks or more following self-care, primary, community or specialist care within Q2 & Q4 2018/19.</p>
Rationale for inclusion	<p>Research evidence demonstrates that over 30% of chronic wounds (wounds that have failed to heal for 4 weeks or more) do not receive a full assessment which is based on research evidence and best practice guidelines. Failure to complete a full assessment can result in ineffective treatment and contributes to delays in the rate of wound healing for patients. This has significant consequences for patients in respect of their quality of life as failure to treat wounds correctly can lead to delays in healing or failure to heal.</p> <p>For providers and commissioners the delay in wound healing relates to the resources being consumed inappropriately. Managing patients with wounds and their associated co-morbidities is estimated to cost the NHS £5.3 billion; the average cost of unhealed wounds is more than double that of healed wounds. There is also significant variation in current practice.</p> <p>A recent economic evaluation of a wound care pathway for chronic wounds demonstrates that the current pathway experienced by many patients delivers poorer outcomes at greater cost to the commissioner – the study estimates this cost</p>

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	<p>to be approximately 10 times greater.</p> <p>Increasing the number of patients who have a full assessment of chronic wounds will promote the use of effective treatment based on the outcome of the assessment. The aim in 2018/19 is for providers to achieve a national target of a minimum 80% completion of full wound care assessments.</p>
Data source	<p>Local baseline audit collection of a minimum of 150 patients on the caseload with a wound that has failed to heal within 4 weeks, which will then be submitted through a national data collection via NHS Digital. Information available at:</p> <p>http://content.digital.nhs.uk/article/7751/Commissioning-for-Quality-and-Innovation-CQUIN</p> <p>If the provider is providing care for less than 150 patients on their caseload then <u>all</u> patients who have a wound that has failed to heal within 4 weeks should be included in the audit.</p>
Frequency of data collection	6 monthly through Q2 & Q4 Clinical Audit (both Year 1 and Year 2)
Organisation responsible for data collection	Community Service Provider
Frequency of reporting to commissioner	Quarterly through clinical audit report (Q2 & Q4) and improvement plan.
Baseline period/date	<p>Year 1 Q2 2017/18</p> <p>Year 2 Q4 2017/18</p>
Baseline value	<p>Year 1 To be determined by outcome of Q2 2017/18 clinical audit undertaken by Community Service provider.</p> <p>Year 2 To be determined by outcome of Q4 2017/18 clinical audit undertaken by Community Service Provider.</p>
Final indicator period/date (on which payment is based)	Q4 2018/19
Final indicator value (payment threshold)	<p>Year 1 Payment to be based upon establishing the baseline in Q2 and on achieving locally agreed levels of improvement against that baseline for Q4.</p> <p>Year 2</p>

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	<p>Payment to be based upon achieving 60% of full wound assessment completion for Q2 and on achieving 80% of full wound assessment completion for Q4.</p> <p>Providers with a baseline (from Q2 2017/18) > 80% should be assessed in accordance with the table included in the partial payments section below.</p>
Final indicator reporting date	31 May 2019
Are there rules for any agreed in-year milestones that result in payment?	Yes – see table below.
Are there any rules for partial achievement of the indicator at the final indicator period/date?	Yes – see table below

Milestones

Date/period milestone relates to	Rules for achievement of milestones (including evidence to be supplied to commissioner)	Date milestone to be reported	Milestone weighting (% of CQUIN scheme available)
Quarter 1 and 2 2017/18	Completion of Clinical audit to provide a baseline figure for the number of patients with chronic wounds that have received a full assessment. Full audit report and improvement plan with trajectory to be provided for commissioner.	30 November 2017	50% of year if baseline data collection established and improvement plan agreed.

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Quarter 4 2017/18	Completion of clinical audit to demonstrate an improvement in the number of patients with chronic wounds who have received a full wound assessment.	30 th April 2018	Maximum of 50% of year available based on the following achievement of locally agreed levels of improvement in the number of patients with chronic wounds who have received a full wound assessment:
Quarter 2 2018/19	Completion of Clinical Audit to demonstrate an improvement to a minimum of 60% of patients with chronic wound who have received a full wound assessment.	31 st October 2018	50% of year if a minimum of 60% of chronic wounds have a full wound assessment and an improvement plan is agreed.
Quarter 4 2018/19	Completion of clinical audit to demonstrate an improvement in the number of patients with chronic wounds who have received a full wound assessment to a minimum of 80%.	30th April 2019	Maximum of 50% of year available based on the following achievement of minimum of 80% of patients with chronic wounds who have received a full wound assessment:

Rules for partial achievement of indicator 10

Quarter 4: 2017/18

Final indicator value for the partial achievement threshold	% of CQUIN scheme available for meeting final indicator value
Achieved less than 33% of improvement target:	No payment
33-99.9% of target:	15%
100% or above:	50%

Quarter 2: 2018/19

Final indicator value for the partial achievement threshold	% of CQUIN scheme available for meeting final indicator value
Achieved less than 50%	No payment
50 - <60%	20%
60 - 100%	50% (max payment)

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Quarter 4: 2018/19

Final indicator value for the partial achievement threshold	% of CQUIN scheme available for meeting final indicator value
Achieved less than 60%	No payment
60 - <80%	20%
80 - 100%	50% (max payment)

For providers with a baseline (from Q2 2017/18) > 80%, the approach below applies for both Quarter 2 and Quarter 4 2018/19 and should be applied instead of the partial payment threshold outlined above

Final indicator value for providers with a baseline >80%	% of CQUIN scheme available for meeting final indicator value
<70%	No payment
70% - <80%	20%
80% - <90%	40%
>90%	50% (max payment)

References

Guest JF, Ayoub N, McIlwraith T, *et al.* Health economic burden that wounds impose on the National Health Service in the UK. *BMJ Open* 2015;5: e009283. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2015-009283