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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following about the Trust's tissue viability and wound care service.

Please provide the information for financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Where a product was bought through NHS Supply Chain or another distributor, please give the manufacturer separately from the supplier.

1. The number of whole-time-equivalent tissue viability nurses by Agenda for Change band, at 31 March 2026. Job titles only, no names.

Three WTE Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists; one WTE Lead Tissue Viability Nurse Specialist and one WTE Head of Tissue Viability Services.

2. The number of wound, leg ulcer or lower-limb clinics run each week, and their settings (community hub, GP practice, outpatient).

All clinics are held in locality Health and Wellbeing Centres and/or Community Hospital OPD. Approximately 60 Leg Ulcer clinics are delivered per week.

3. The Trust's wound care formulary or product list, its approval date and next review date.

This information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is already reasonably accessible online. The South and West Devon Wound Management Formulary is available at the link below.

<https://southwest.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/formulary/chapters/17-wound-management>

4. The group that evaluates new wound care products; its meeting dates from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027; and the submission process and evidence required from a supplier.

The South West Wound Formulary Group meets approximately every 12 weeks and is led by regional tissue viability leads, with representatives from New Devon Procurement Service also attending. Any new wound care products are brought to the group by the clinical experts. Industry Representatives are not included or invited to the group to ensure a fair and equitable process of evaluation and decision making.

5. Whether the Trust has implemented the National Wound Care Strategy Programme lower-limb, pressure ulcer or surgical wound recommendations, and, if so, which.

Where financially viable, parts of all three recommendations have been implemented across the Integrated Care Organisation.

6. The wound imaging or digital wound assessment system in use, if any, and its contract end date.

The Trust does not use or require specialist wound imaging apps due to the expertise of the clinical workforce and the ease of clear digital images which can be seen on the patient's EPIC record.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team