

Pocket Guide to Management of Wounds Identified By Staff



All clinical staff complete initial wound assessment using SystmOne template



Categorise damage, IR-e (report)



Podiatry: wounds below malleolus

Community Nursing: housebound patients & complex wounds.

Practice Nurse (Airedale & Craven) nonhousebound

Refer wounds requiring further management



Has the wound surface area reduced? Up to 40% reduction expected at 4wks with optimum treatment



Monitor healing progress minimum 4 weekly

Initial Assessment

Pressure wound?

Reassess at 4 weeks

At 12 weeks

Record in \$1, known cause, location, size, any signs of infection (action)

Photograph if appropriate & patient consents

If category 3, unstageable, or SDTI refer to Tissue Viability Team. TV1 form

Referral for detailed assessment using IDCR \$1 on BDCFT webpage

If no healing progress at 4 weeks refer to Tissue Viability for further support and advice.

Refer all lower limb wounds that are not progressing to healing at 12 weeks to Tissue Viability team