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Introduction

NHS England (HEE), recommend the use of the minimum data set in wound assessment. The LIMPRINT study identified the strong association between wounds and chronic oedema

Aims of study

The HEE minimum data set was evaluated, to determine its usability.

Methods

A Multi-methods approach included a survey and a wound assessment audit developed with the ILF, the Copenhagen Wound Care Center and NUH Tissue Viability Team.

Results

The findings of the survey indicated that nurses' value standardised wound care education and training; access to evidence based treatment guidelines and products; and realistic wound care plans.

40 participants with wounds were audited; this identified that the data set lacked specificity, adequate baseline information; escalation to specialists; and required further information on chronic oedema, pain, quality of life and discharge plans.

Conclusion

The results of the study led to the amendment hospital wound assessment document, and a clinical research project will be evaluated in a partner project, in Denmark.