

Challenges of Organising Home Care Wound Care in England, a Regional Perspective

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Tissue Viability has been a recognised nursing speciality since the 1990's but the delivery of wound care in the home varies across England. It appears that the pathway for patient care is determined locally and often based on the enthusiasm and development of named medical and nursing practitioners. Whilst there is evidence of effective management, receiving good assessment and follow up could be described as a post code lottery.

This presentation takes a broad look at the strengths and the shortcomings of the present system in England. The current system that requires chronicity first before referral for specialist support needs to be challenged. If we are to provide evidence of effective care and for services to benchmark against the best, then it is clear that we need to develop systems that support the capture of this data. It is likely that this will deliver information that will support the need for early access to multidisciplinary care and the need for a standardised system for data capture.