

Collaborative Pressure Area Care Solutions for Leeds Teaching Hospitals

The Challenge

Pressure area care initiatives are an ongoing, evolving process as equipment ages, new technology is developed and patients' needs change.

The Tissue Viability team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals required a partner to support clinical teams with not only the specification and provision of high specification foam mattresses, but pressure area care education, training, equipment audits, quality improvement initiatives and equipment solutions for complex patients.

The Solution

Pressure Ulcer Reduction Initiatives

To help improve the Trust's range of standard and special equipment, we carried out seat and pressure area mapping – measuring and analysing the pressure distribution between a person's body and the supporting surfaces to provide the clinical evidence needed to inform decisions.

Patients with chronic kidney disease have a high prevalence of skin ulcers, we played a part in the multi-disciplinary team to support pressure ulcer reduction initiatives within dialysis services.



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Trust-wide high specification foam mattresses

Following our Trust-wide mattress audit over a period of a week and four sites, we identified the number of mattresses that needed to be replaced to ensure that the Trust met its infection and control policies and needs of high-risk service-users.

Our high-specification foam mattresses are now the standard mattress across the Trust. The quality of these mattresses provide an excellent first line of defence in helping to prevent pressure ulcers. We continue to support the Trust with equipment evaluation and auditing on an ongoing basis.

Tailored solutions for complex patients

We assess and provide specialist pressure-relieving equipment for the Trust's many patients with complex, lifelong and long-term conditions, ensuring solutions are tailored to their individual needs.

Educational training and support

We assist with the Trust's Stop the Pressure events, study days and provide educational training around pressure ulcer prevention.

We deliver seating and mattress product training and support the development of educational resources, including Trust specific training videos.





CASE STUDY

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The Results

We've helped enhance the quality and impact of the Trust's training and provided expertise and resources that would otherwise require significant investment from the Trust.

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With our partnership approach, the Trust have ongoing support for all of their pressure area care needs.

“Apollo Healthcare Technologies consistently demonstrates professionalism, responsiveness and a genuine commitment to improving patient outcomes.

They are a valued partner in supporting our wards and clinical teams to deliver safe, effective and person-centred care.”

Lisa Hill, Tissue Viability Nurse, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

