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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WOUND CARE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to wound care. Please note that there are no ICBs within the NHS in Scotland. We have answered your request with the available information which may not much your questions specifically.

Question:

1. Wound Care Data Collection

- Does your ICB collect or receive data on wound care, particularly for chronic wounds (e.g. leg ulcers, Pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers)?

Answer:

The tissue viability team collect data on wounds referred into the service for diagnosis, and referral location we do not record healing. Other areas may collect local data but this is not formalised or centrally extractable.

Question:

- If not, are there plans to do so within the next 12months?

Answer:

There is a national data tool being run in September in collaboration with the National Association of Tissue Viability Nurses Scotland

Question:

- What specific data points are collected (e.g. wound type, healing time, product usage, care setting, clinical outcomes)?

Answer:

Type, care setting, visit outcomes, KPI, clinical and non-clinical time, we do not collect healing rates or product use

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Question:

- How is this data collected (e.g. electronic patient records, community health systems, audits)?

Answer:

Local data tracking tool (excel)

Question:

- Is data collection standardised across providers within your ICB footprint?

Answer:

No

Question:

2. Data Usage and Sharing

- For what purposes is wound care data used (e.g. commissioning, performance management, service planning)?

Answer:

Service delivery plans, KPI achievement

Question:

- Is this data shared outside your organisation (e.g. NHS England, research bodies, suppliers)? If yes, under what governance or agreements?

Answer:

No

Question:

3. Technology and Digital Systems

- What digital systems or platforms are currently used for recording and managing wound care data (e.g. EMIS, SystemOne, bespoke solutions)?

Answer:

TRAK, local paper documentation

Question:

- Are there any current or upcoming digital transformation initiatives focused on wound care?

Answer:

Unknown

Question:

4. Spend and Commissioning

- Does your ICB hold data on spend related to wound care (e.g. dressings, devices, service delivery)?

Answer:

This is held by procurement and pharmacy re spend

Question:

- Are wound care services commissioned centrally by the ICB or delegated to Place or provider level?

Answer:

Wound care services are delivered by the health board

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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