



Position Statement: Wound Care 14 December 2018

Over the last 12 months the LMC have been working hard to raise the issue of practices propping up unfunded wound care provision in Derbyshire. We have attended regular meetings to press for a properly funded interim solution combined with a robust longer term solution for wound care.

The CCG have now acknowledged that wound care does not form part of the standard GMS contract / PMS agreements by offering some funding for the service. While this acknowledgement is welcomed we are disappointed to read that their interim solution, in our opinion, introduces profound inequity both within the individual CCGs and across the county.

A summary of the proposal:

- For SDCCG, those practices continuing to provide wound care will be funded via the 'unallocated' monies in the LCSF (£1.20 per patient). We understand that for those practices that have already stopped providing wound care, the ability to keep the £1.20 will be dependent on providing some additional 'winter pressures' appointments. Failure to do this may risk a claw back of some of the unallocated funds.
- For NDCCG / Erewash / Hardwick, practices will be offered 50p per patient to continue wound care provision.

Clearly this approach will impact differently on individual practices, dependent not only on which CCG they are in, whether they are still providing any wound care, or whether they have given notice for all or parts of wound care provision. As Derbyshire moves towards working at scale, both for practices and as a single CCG, this potentially divisive and inequitable approach risks undermining future collaborations and trust.

It remains unclear how monies will be paid (and / or clawed back) dependent on the types of wound care provided by practices and when notice was given. It is also uncertain how a 'managed handover' will occur. It will obviously be up to practices as to how they wish to proceed and should you wish further advice please contact us.

As well as the short-comings of this offer, we also remain worried that as yet there appears to be no plan in place for the countywide provision of wound care from 1st April 2019 and we will continue to press for a properly funded, properly commissioned wound care service for patients across the county.

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