



Update: Wound Care 5 July 2018

As you know DDLMC have been meeting with CCG representatives to discuss the commissioning gap around wound care in Derbyshire. Many practices have been providing **unfunded complex wound care** because of insufficient provision by those commissioned to deliver this service. Simple wound care has been provided by some Practices as part of locally determined commissioned services (e.g. LCSF / BoS), for others this will have again been unfunded.

Practices were contacted by the CCG at the end of March requesting that they continue to perform dressings whilst the CCG came up with a solution within a 3-month period, which has now ended.

We have been pushing the CCG to come up with both an interim and long-term solution to this problem and as **you will have been informed last week there is as yet no solution**. We believe the proposal should include an answer both for practices who wish to continue to provide this service (and require funding to do so) and also for those who choose not to.

We would like to underline the contractual position, which has been confirmed by the GPC Contracts and Regulation Policy Lead, Dr Bob Morley: *'Unless explicitly commissioned there is no requirement to provide any nursing care. . . . The CCG has a legal responsibility to commission community nursing services for all patients not in hospital and this is regardless of whether or not they are "housebound"*. We would also like to draw your attention to our list of [Non-Essential and Enhanced Services](#).

In view of the contractual position and the lack of a solution; practices may choose to stop providing wound care, beyond that included in the Basket of Services/LCSF. Patients requiring those services can be directed to local Minor injuries Units / A+E.

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