



Wound Care Position Statement 20 August 2018

Following the Wound Care Position Statement sent to practices by the CCG on Friday 17 August 2018, we would like to reiterate the LMC's position to help practices decide their next steps.

In early July, the LMC wrote to Chris Clayton explaining our concern over the suggestion that practices should agree to continue providing wound care without resources. We explained the contractual position, which was clarified with the GPC Contracts and Regulation Policy Lead, Dr Bob Morley, that the Primary Medical Services contract does not include nursing services hence wound care.

Following this we were given sight of a proposed interim solution, which mirrored that sent out on Friday and responded in writing to Louise Swain (Interim Deputy Director Community and Joint Commissioning). We explained **that the LMC cannot support the CCG's proposal**; with the CCG effectively saying it wishes to commission simple wound care from practices but does not wish to pay for it (please see attached letter).

Whilst the LMC has been in commissioning discussions with the CCG, we have **not agreed** to the latest proposal circulated on Friday nor the action plan. We are disappointed to see that the CCG has continued to ignore the views of General Practice despite the LMC, Federations and General Practices' expressing their concerns. We cannot support a proposal that expects practices to continue to provide unfunded, simple wound care up to March 2019 and potentially beyond this point, depending upon the outcomes of the CCG's wider cost service review.

As per our previous [update](#), we would like to reiterate that **your primary medical services contract does not include wound care**, which many practices have been performing because of inadequate provision elsewhere in the Derbyshire healthcare system. It remains the CCG's responsibility to commission nursing services. There is no obligation, to provide any wound care other than that commissioned via any local enhanced service you may have signed up to (e.g. LCSF /Basket of Services).

Practices are currently struggling with their increasing workload and consequently have to prioritise those services which they are contractually obliged to provide.

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If you are currently providing **unfunded** wound care which sits outside of your contract, you may wish to inform your patients that you are no longer able to provide this service and direct them to their local minor injuries unit, accident and emergency or to contact the CCG via their dedicated email nderccg.woundcarereview@nhs.net.

In order to help explain your decision to your patients, we have created the attached patient information sheet that you may wish to reference.



2018 - Letter from
DDLMC to Louise Swa



2018 - Patient Info -
Wound Dressing Prov

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