A Prudent Pressure Ulcer Prevention Approach within Care Homes through a Co-production relationship between Direct Healthcare Services and Welsh Wound Innovation Centre



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Aim: To establish whether a 5-phased structured approach including audit, education and deployment of a new hybrid mattress has an impact on the overall care received by residents in 4 care home settings across South Wales.



This is part of an ongoing project. One nursing home has completed the first four phases of the project. The tables below display the baseline and re-audit demographics of the residents and the results of the mattress check at the baseline audit.

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	Baseline	Re-audit	
Male	12	13	A
Female	23	21	
Average age	90	89	N
Risk score (Waterlow)	19	18	%

Audit	Pass	Fail	N/A	Total
Mattresses (n	9	17	6	35
%	25.7	48.6	17.1	100.0

Discussion:

- · Prevalence of pressure ulcers was low across all homes.
- · Equipment and mattress protocols on quality checks to be reviewed by nursing homes
- Education well received at all homes
- High attendance at teaching sessions >90% of staff attended the training
- High return of knowledge and attitude questionnaires- >90% of staff completed the questionnaires

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- No pressure damage recorded for any patients on the Dyna-Form Static HZ mattress on patients upon the re-audit
- No Dyna-Form Static HZ mattresses failed the re-audit

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