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Subject: Lower Limb Wound Care Services

REQUEST

1. Do you have a dedicated service for lower limb wounds in your Trust? *Lower limb wound services can be described as a healthcare service providing care for patients with chronic wounds located below the knee and above the foot.*

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

If yes, please complete questions: a, b, c, d, & e. If no, please proceed to question 2.

a. Is this service delivered by a doctor or nurse led?

- Delivered by a medically trained doctor
- Nurse lead
- Other (Please specify)

b. Are the staff who provide lower limb services able to apply compression bandaging? *Bandages that result in therapeutic levels of lower limb compression when applied with pressure.*

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

c. What are the clinical requirements to be eligible for this service? (Please specify)

d. How are referrals received for this service?

- Electronic e.g. e-referral system
- Referral via email
- Referral via telephone call
- Patient self-referral
- Other (Please specify)

e. Does this service provide care or outreach services for house bound patients?

- Yes
- No

2. Do you have a dedicated vascular service? *Vascular services are commissioned to provide diagnostics and treatment for vascular disease. The principal clinical specialities involved are vascular surgery and interventional vascular radiology. Such services provide care for the needs of patients with disorders relating to the arteries, veins, and lymphatic system.*

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

If yes, please complete questions: a, b, & c.

a. If yes, is the vascular service a hub centre or specialist service? *(please select all that apply)*

- *Hub Centre*
- *Specialist service*
- *N/A*

Hub centre: providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting.

Specialist services: providing diagnostics and expert advice in an outpatient setting + providing elective and 24/7 emergency vascular services.

b. Do you have a dedicated service for venous disease within the vascular service?

- Yes
- No
- Other (Please specify)

c. If yes, is this delivered by a doctor or a nurse?

- Delivered by a medically trained doctor / surgeon
- Nurse lead
- Other (Please specify)

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

- 1. Do you have a dedicated service for lower limb wounds in your Trust? *Lower limb wound services can be described as a healthcare service providing care for patients with chronic wounds located below the knee and above the foot.***

Yes

- a. Is this service delivered by a doctor or nurse led?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Both – consultant and nurse led outpatient clinics, currently developing a one stop service. Inpatients initially seen by Vascular Specialist Nurses with input from consultants if needed.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Both – outpatient vascular nurse & doctor in clinic. Inpatients are seen predominantly by TVN which is nurse led with input from medical team as required.

- b. Are the staff who provide lower limb services able to apply compression bandaging? *Bandages that result in therapeutic levels of lower limb compression when applied with pressure.***

Yes - also use multiple modes of compression.

- c. What are the clinical requirements to be eligible for this service? (Please specify)**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Inpatient and OPD – Non healing wound present for more than 2 weeks on lower limb, limb swelling, recurrent cellulitis, or out of range ABPI. TBPI – performed and compression commenced if appropriate.

Southport and Ormskirk:

For OPD vascular - GP referral via choose and book. For TVN inpatient - all lower leg wounds referred electronically and assessed by TVN. ABPI and compression commenced if appropriate treatment.

d. How are referrals received for this service?

St Helens and Knowsley:

Outpatients via Choose and Book
Inpatients via vascular access email

Southport and Ormskirk:

Electronic e.g. e-referral system

e. Does this service provide care or outreach services for house bound patients?

No

2. Do you have a dedicated vascular service? *Vascular services are commissioned to provide diagnostics and treatment for vascular disease. The principal clinical specialities involved are vascular surgery and interventional vascular radiology. Such services provide care for the needs of patients with disorders relating to the arteries, veins, and lymphatic system.*

St Helens and Knowsley:

Yes on SLA.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Yes

a. If yes, is the vascular service a hub centre or specialist service? *(please select all that apply)*

St Helens and Knowsley:

Spoke site – operate a hub and spoke model via the Liverpool Vascular and Endovascular Service (LiVES).

Southport and Ormskirk:

Hub Centre

b. Do you have a dedicated service for venous disease within the vascular service?

St Helens and Knowsley:

Under the vascular service umbrella.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Other - operate a hub and spoke model via the Liverpool Vascular and Endovascular Service (LiVES).

c. If yes, is this delivered by a doctor or a nurse?

St Helens and Knowsley:

Both

Southport and Ormskirk:

Both - delivered by a medically trained doctor / surgeon, and nurse lead.