Reporting and Recording Pressure Ulcers

Reporting and recording pressure ulcers accurately is important as it allows us to monitor improvement or deterioration.

We have improved the Datix system for reporting pressure ulcers, and the pink sticker for recording the ulcer in the case notes.

Category 1 ulcers do not need to be reported on Datix.

A pressure ulcer only needs to be reported on Datix once – unless there is further deterioration. When a patient moves location, the previous incident report remains live and progress should be made on the original incident form.

We have revised the wound care passport, which now has a Datix number on for helping us track patients through services. The wound care passport can be ordered on Oracle using the order code PS00013.

The pink sticker has 4 options to indicate where the pressure ulcer was first identified.

The pink sticker now has a Datix number on it to help keep track of pressure ulcers.

The body map should be used to indicate the site of the pressure ulcer.

These changes went live on 1st September. Any queries should be directed to Lisa Pinkney, Patient Safety Manager, on 7712860.