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Subject	PURPOSE T pressure ulcer risk assessment - implementation
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1.0 Situation

Welsh Health Circular WHC (2019) 026 outlined the required implementation dates for the Nationally Standardised Core Risk Assessments across NHS Wales. As part of the standardisation of risk assessments the Waterlow pressure ulcer risk assessment used in SBUHB for adult in-patients is to be replaced with the All Wales PURPOSE T pressure ulcer risk assessment with an implementation date of May 2020. There is no implementation date set for community patients.

2.0 Background

The assessment of patient's risk for developing pressure ulcers is a routine and fundamental nursing process undertaken to prevent avoidable harm to patients in all care settings. To effectively use a risk assessment tool and understand how to implement the findings in clinical practice staff must receive training to ensure they have the necessary knowledge and skills to practice safely.

The PURPOSE T pressure ulcer risk assessment is very different to the Waterlow score, it uses colour rather than a numerical score and requires the registered nurse to use a significant amount of clinical judgement in order to determine the risk of pressure ulcers.

The use of colour prevents the document being printed/copied in black and white as it causes the colours to become indistinguishable. Paper copies must be ordered as ward stationary with the ordering information circulated to SDU's by the corporate team.

Additionally, the Waterlow score stratifies the patient's risk of developing pressure ulcers into: *no risk, at risk, high risk and very high risk*. This helps to guide care planning and the provision of pressure reducing equipment. PURPOSE T does not stratify the risk, patients are either *at risk* or *not at risk* of pressure ulcers. To mitigate this change pressure ulcer prevention clinical decision support tools (e.g equipment selection guide and care pathway) have been redesigned. These documents were approved by the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Strategic Group and are available on COIN.

3.0 Assessment

An implementation plan has been developed to support the change to the new risk assessment tool.

The plan includes, nursing leadership, the provision of learning/training and resources for clinical areas and clinical decision support tools to assist in the prevention of risk and harm to patients.

NPTH was the pilot site for PURPOSE T and the implementation and training plan was developed using multiple PDSA cycles. PURPOSE T risk assessment has now been rolled out and implemented in NPTH for all in-patients.

The training for registered nursing staff consisted off an introduction to PURPOSE T via e-learning and a 45 minute case-study led classroom training session using the new clinical decision tools. A “train the trainer” approach was agreed and Ward Managers and Ward Sisters and have undertaken the responsibility for ensuring the delivery of training to ward staff who did not attend the classroom session. A resource folder has been created to support the trainers.

The PURPOSE T e-learning module can be accessed by non-nursing clinical staff to familiarise themselves with the new risk assessment process e.g. health care support workers, physiotherapists and occupational therapists.

Bank staff, Nursing agencies and nursing homes have been informed of the change in pressure ulcer risk assessment and are able to access e-learning either through ESR for SBUHB nurses or Learning@wales for non-health board nurses.

4.0 Recommendation

Clinical educators for Mental Health, Morriston Hospital and Singleton Hospital; and the SBUHB TVNs have received PURPOSE T training and are ready to deliver education to staff. The training plans and implementation time frames for individual SDU's will need to be agreed with the Unit Nurse Directors. The implementation in all in-patient adult areas needs to be complete by May 2020.

NMB members are asked to:

Note and agree the contents of this paper