

Pressure Ulcer Summary for SLaM 2012/13

Pressure ulcer rates remain low within the Trust, however since the introduction of the NHS safety thermometer our incidence have increased, possibly due to an increase in reporting via another route other than the Datix system.

The incident team, the older adults' senior nursing team and Assistant Director of Nursing meet weekly to review all pressure ulcers and review each service user's treatment and care. All grade 3 and above pressure ulcers are automatically notified to the Local Authority Safeguarding Leads and all those grade 2 and under are considered for a safeguarding referral.

The current increase is located to one continuing care home within Lambeth in which three are Southwark residents. These are all under a structured investigation. To prevent and improve treatment and care the home is being additionally supported by both an additional matron and the older adults head of nursing.

The Trust is committed to reducing the incidence of acquired pressure ulcers within the organisation and a gap analysis has been commissioned across all the older adults services that will be completed by 31st March 2013, to inform the Trust's action plan in improving the care of our service users. The Trust will continuing with the 2013/14 NHS safety thermometer CQUIN to reduce pressure ulcers.



