

Southwark Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Further information on 19 pressure ulcers
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Status: A Paper for *Information*

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1.0 Purpose of the paper:

- 1.1 At the meeting on 25 March Southwark Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committee was presented with a paper providing information on pressure ulcers reported by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT) in quarter 2 2012/13.
- 1.2 In that quarter GSTT reported 30 grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers to Lambeth PCT – our commissioner.
- 1.3 Of these 19 were pressure ulcers which developed prior to any contact with GSTT services. We are still required to report these, however we do not investigate or carry out root cause analysis as they were not acquired whilst receiving acute or community healthcare from GSTT and are closed as not attributable.
- 1.4 The OSC asked for further information on these 19 pressure ulcers where a Southwark resident or a care setting in Southwark was involved.
- 1.5 A review of records identified three Southwark residents.

2.0 Further information requested:

- 2.1 All pressure ulcer data is collated on a centralised database within the acute setting (ETRACE) and RIO within the community. Data such as borough of residence is not currently held on ETRACE. Individual records have been reviewed to get the information the OSC requested.
- 2.2 Review of the 19 records identified three patients resident in Southwark.
- 2.3 It is important to note that when a pressure ulcer is identified as not acquired while receiving care from Guy's and St Thomas' services it is still reported to the commissioners and if there are any safeguarding concerns a referral to the local authority safeguarding team will be made in accordance with pan London safeguarding procedures.

2.4 Information on three residents of Southwark admitted with pressure ulcers of grade 3 or 4 that were not attributable to GSTT.

Date reported to commissioners	Resident postcode	Grade	Outcome of initial investigation for 'admitted with' pressure ulcer	Safeguarding referral made
20/06/2012	SE16	4	Patient admitted with a grade 4 pressure ulcer. This was an ongoing pressure ulcer originally acquired at Lewisham Hospital.	No
16/07/2012	SE16	3	Patient discharged from Kings College Hospital on 16/07/12 with a grade 3 pressure ulcer and then admitted to GSTT.	No
22/09/2012	SE1	4	Admitted from nursing home with grade 4 pressure ulcer. This was reported to Southwark Social Services, who carried out a review. Social services were content that a comprehensive plan of care was in place and being implemented. The patient had a grade 3 pressure ulcer on admission to the nursing home in 2009, general frailty made it unavoidable.	Yes

4.0 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- Note the report for information

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