

Tissue viability service

Angus McKinnon Unit is a 15 bedded unit, consisting of single and double rooms. The unit treats a varied case mix of patients with tissue viability and infection control issues following:

- Acute and rehabilitative care of spinal cord injury
- Spinal surgery
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Pressure Injuries requiring surgery and hospital management
- Plastic surgery

The nursing staff on the unit liaise and support nursing staff and other colleagues with tissue viability issues, for example:

- Special beds/mattresses
- Assessment of wounds
- Guidance on product selection for wounds
- Skin care

The nursing staff:

- Work closely with the Spinal Cord Injury Centre Community Liaison staff to ensure patients are discharged safely and receive appropriate follow up and support in the community
- Lead and encourage proactive pressure sore management of pressure injuries throughout the Trust
- Liaise and facilitate plastic surgery in conjunction with the multi-disciplinary team and plastic surgeon
- Promote and initiate innovation of new products and disseminate best practice in relation to tissue viability
- Act as a resource/education link for student nurses/district nurses and the multi-disciplinary team

Current projects:

- Review and reimplementation of dressing formulary for RNOH
- Audit and monitor pressure ulcer incidence Trust wide
- Implementation of bed facilities management and related equipment Trust wide

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