

NWCSP Stakeholder Engagement Event

The aim of this event is to share progress of a new wound product classification system for the NHS.

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	Speaker	Time
Welcome and Introduction	Nicky Morton	13:00
	NWCSP Lead for Supply and Distribution Workstream	
	National Wound Care Strategy Programme	
National Wound Care Strategy Programme	Rachael Lee	13:05 -
Context Setting	Acting Programme Manager	13:15
	National Wound Care Strategy Programme	
National MedTech Strategy Introduction	David Lawson	13:15 -
	Director of MedTech and Innovation	13:30
	Department of Health and Social Care	
Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) Agency	Barry Daniels	13:30 -
	Senior Clinical Lead	13:45
	GMDN Agency	
Development of The NWCSP Wound Product	Nicky Morton	13:45 -
Classification System For Dressings	NWCSP Lead for Supply and Distribution Workstream	14:15
Plenary Discussion – Questions and Answers	AII	14:15 -
Close		15:00





Development of the Wound Product Classification System

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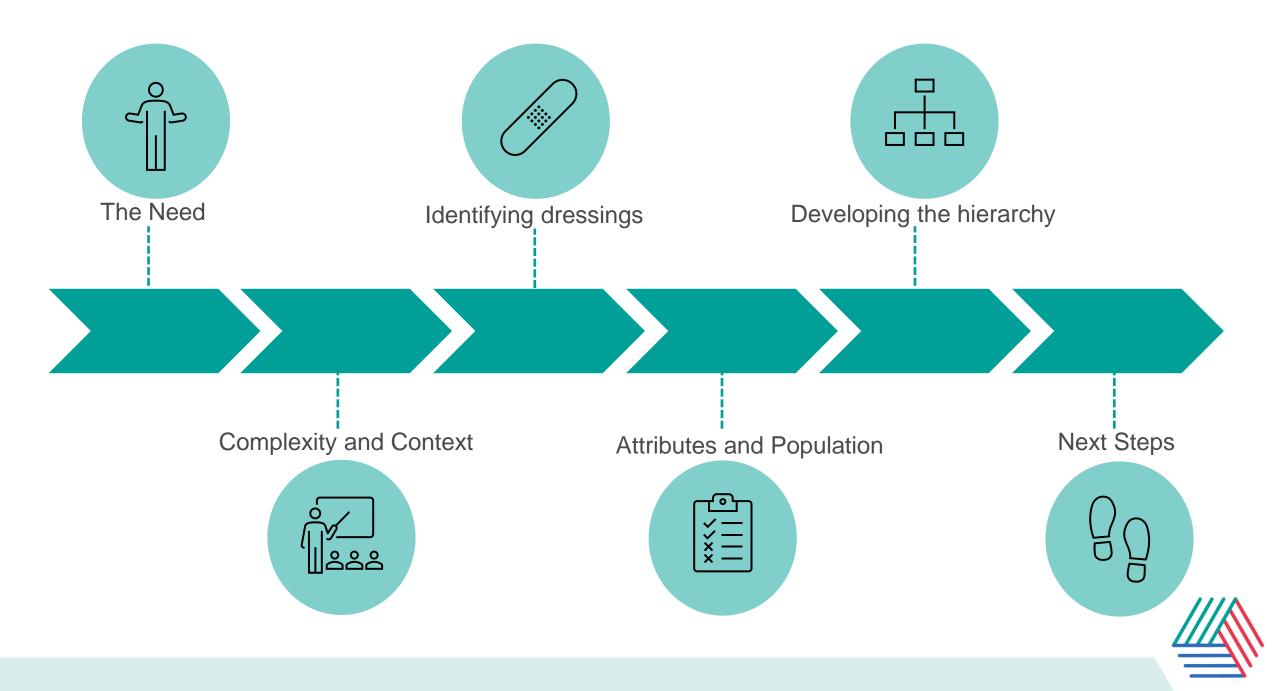




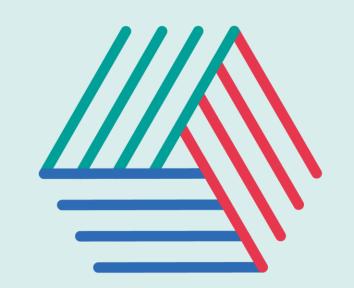
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The need



Why do we need a new wound product classification system?

Several existing systems that group wound care products. None are comprehensive and able to support the following two requirements:

(a) the **business functions** of the NHS for the selection, supply, and distribution of wound care products and able to consistently merge and report data across all routes of supply,

and

(b) to underpin **clinical decision support** (CDS) for wound care product selection within digital systems.

The NHS needs to be able to report (from any clinical system or supply system) some basic grouping of products, to use as the basis for analysis outputs.

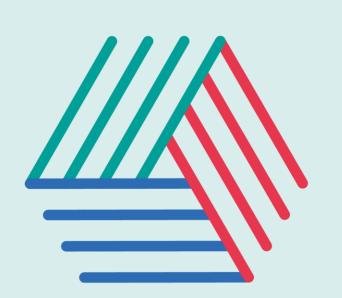
These groupings need to be **clinically relevant** so that clinical staff can interpret and use data for product review and quality improvement initiatives.



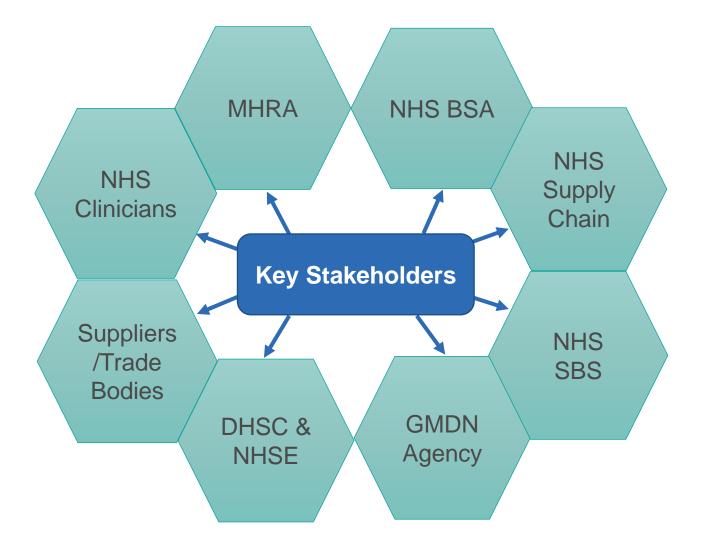


Wound Care Handbook





Complexity and context





Existing systems for grouping of products

- BNF chapters and sub-chapters
- NHS SC framework categories
- SDMA categorisation system
- GMDN Agency categories, terms and definitions
- Examples of NHS provider wound management formularies
- Wound care handbook

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The comprehensive guide to product selection

How the current systems differ..

An absorbent pad with film adhesive:

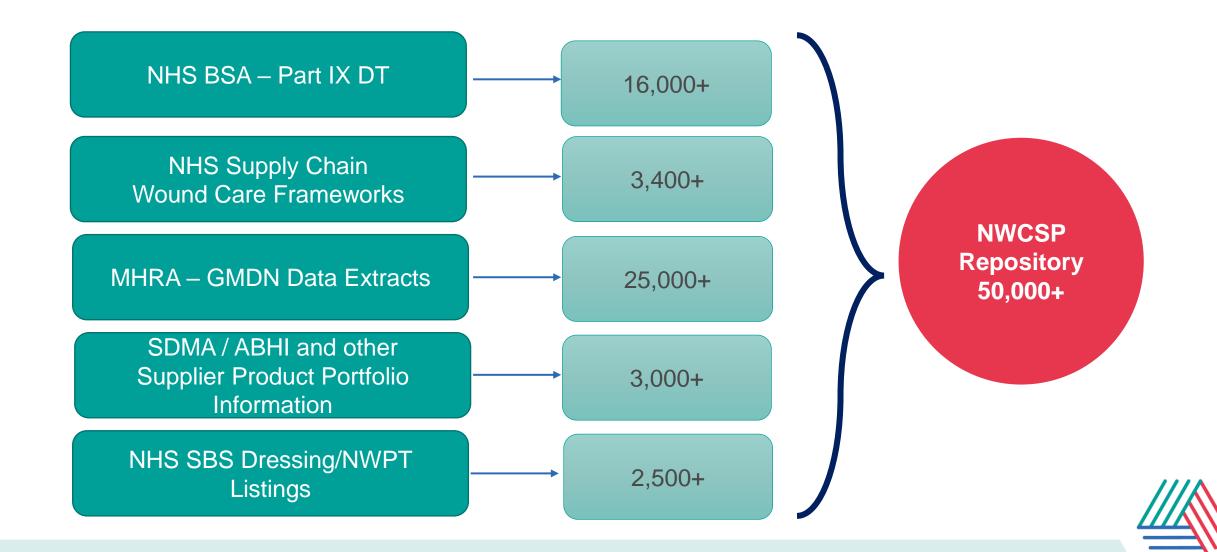
BNF Chapters Level 1: Wound management products and elasticated garment Level 2: Advanced wound dressing Level 3: Vapour permeable adhesive film dressings with absorbent pad **NHS Supply Chain** Level 1: General wound care Level 2: Film dressings and fixation devices Level 3: Dressing vapour-permeable adhesive film with absorbent pad sterile **SDMA Classification** Level 1: Advanced wound management Level 2: Wound and post-operative dressings Level 3: Film dressings Level 4: Film dressings with absorbent pads **GMDN** Agency Level 1: Dermal dressings Level 2: Adhesive bandage Wound Care Handbook Level 1: Films



Identifying dressings



Data sources for product identification

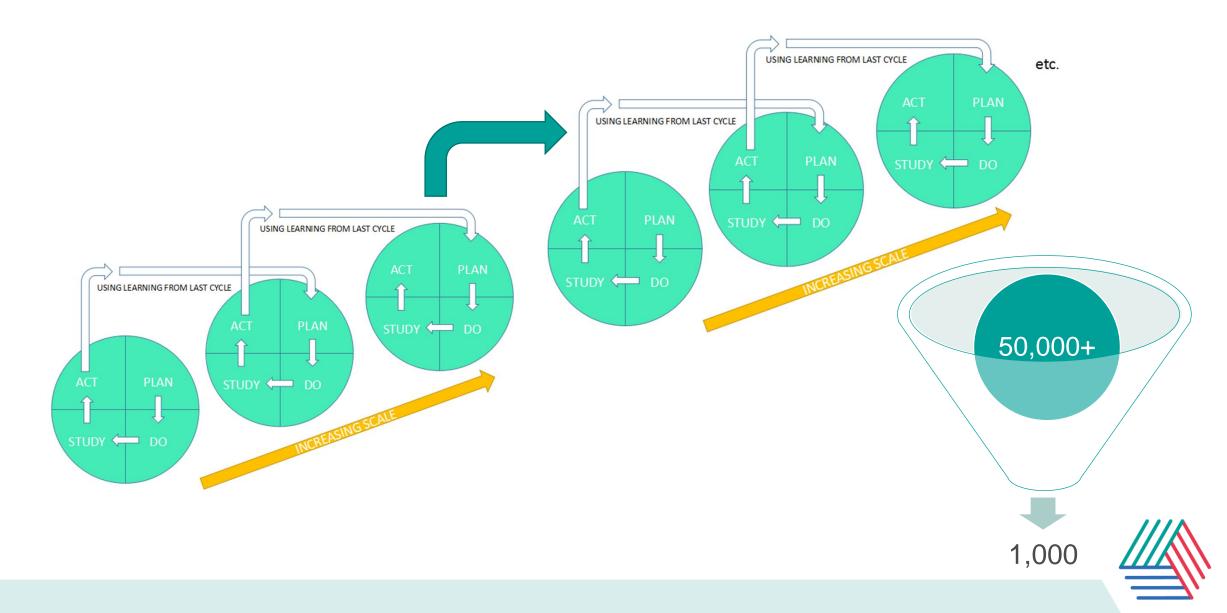


Inconsistencies between data sources

Text	Codes	Product information	Other
Products named/ spelled differently across data sets	Incorrect Codes	Sizes listed in different units	Products listed on Drug Tariff but not evident on MHRA data extract
Sizes and codes listed in product name fields	Duplicate manufacturer codes for different products	Sizes not listed	Similar products placed in different groups
Inconsistency in text format	Codes entered in incorrect fields	Supplier UK website information different to codes listed	
Products not described accurately	Incorrect codes across all fields	Not current suppliers / distributors	
	Lack of GTIN & PIP codes		



Data cleansing dressings



Attributes and population

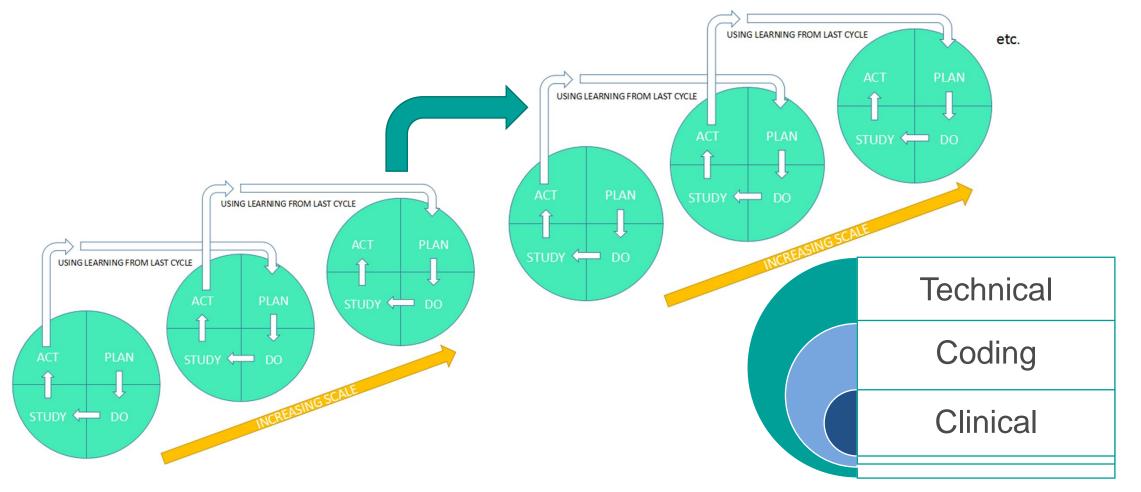


Distinguishing between products

- We needed to find a way to distinguish between products that would support business and clinical functions in the NHS.
- To do this, we needed to identify the key features that vary in wound management products.
- We developed the notion of attributes in three domains
 - coding attributes
 - technical attributes
 - clinical attributes
- Design a robust methodology to populate the attributes.
- Design a quality assurance methodology.



Attribute design iteration





The attributes

55 attributes were identified as key variables when distinguishing between dressings. These were broken down into categories;

Coding

GTIN, GMDN code, NHS SC code, BNF code, SNOMED code, Manufacturer code, PIP code

• Technical attributes

includes presentation, ingredients e.g. foam, alginate, hydrogel, antimicrobial agents, latex, animal products, wear indicator (43 in total)

Clinical attributes

absorbency and retention of exudate, permeability, skin adherence, wound bed adherence, risk of particulate residue

Populating attribute values

Coding attributes

Populated using data from Drug Tariff, dm+d, NHS SC, NHS SBS, supplier, and MHRA data.

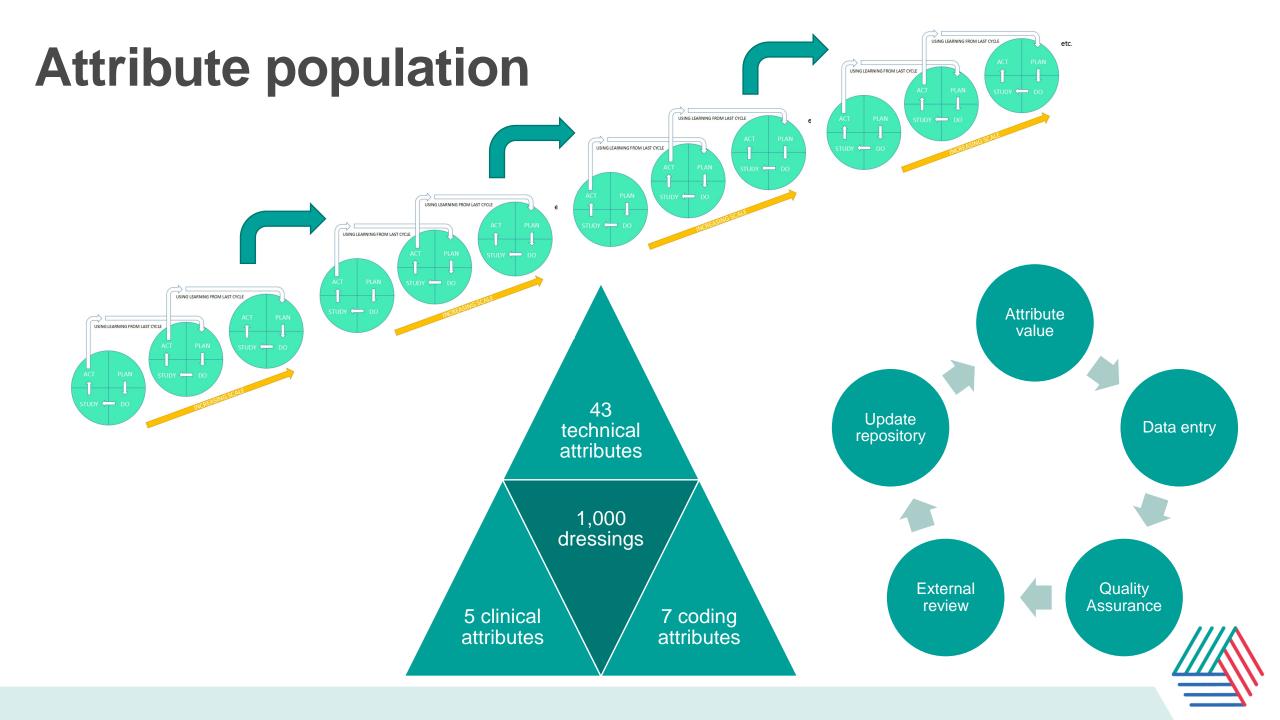
Technical attributes

 Populated using data from a myriad of resources e.g. dm+d description, MHRA information, supplier spreadsheet returns, Clinical Evaluation Team reports, suppliers' websites, product specifications and instructions for use.

Clinical attributes

- Not available from reference sources or supplier information.
- In vitro and in vivo tests neither comprehensive or consistent.
- Required clinical judgement.
- Clinical Reference Group assigned.
- Sense checked by product line via a Delphi software system.





Developing the dressings hierarchy



Starting at level 1 from a clinical perspective

1 Dressings

- 2 Irrigation
- 3 Debridement Pads and Cloths
- 4 Barrier creams & Films
- 5 Bandages
- 6 Specialist Therapies
- 7 Compression Hosiery
- 8 Procedure Packs and accessories
- 9 Tapes

- An iterative process was undertaken reviewing
 - a selection of NHS formularies
 - population of attributes
 - existing categorisation systems
- Resulting in draft level 1 groupings, not yet finalised.
- Clinical Reference Group involvement ongoing to amend if required.
- Stakeholder feedback much appreciated.

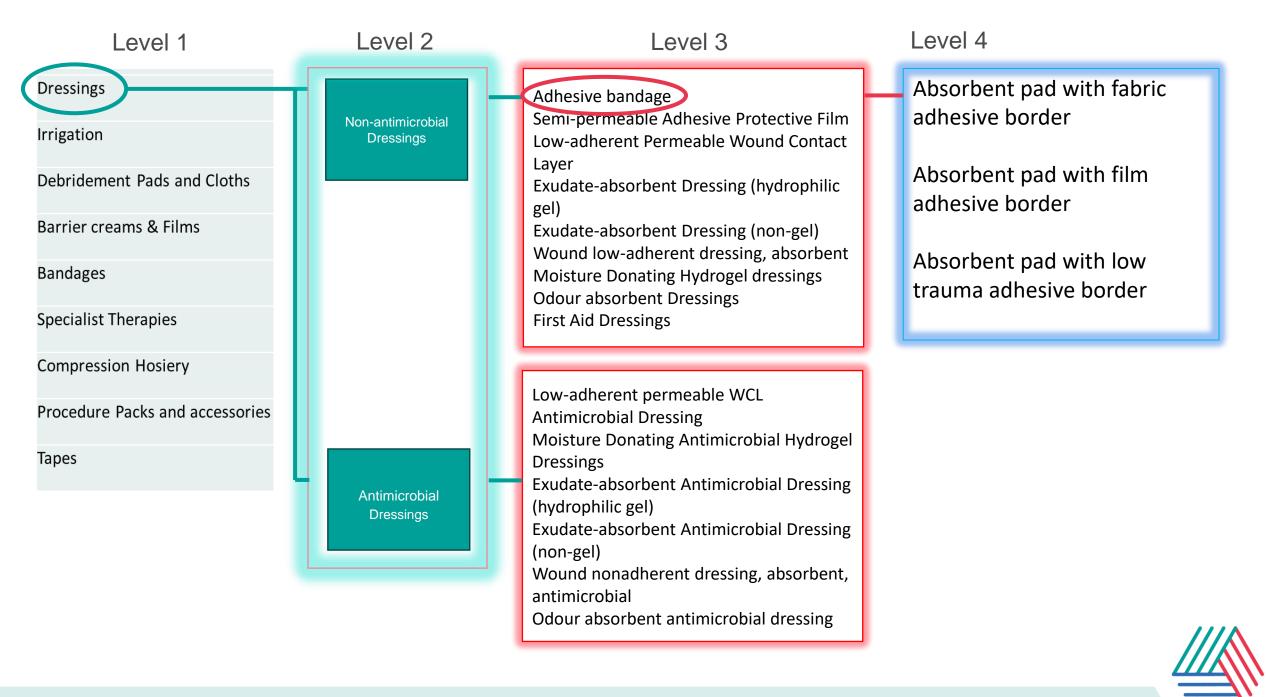


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How the current systems differ...

An absorbent pad with film adhesive:

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GMDN Agency

Level 1: Dermal dressings

Level 2: Adhesive bandage

Wound Care Handbook Level 1: Films NWCSP with current GMDN descriptors Level 1: Dressings Level 2: Non antimicrobial

Level 3: Adhesive bandage

Level 4: Absorbent pad with film adhesive border





Potential issues with GMDN code selection

Adhesive Bandage - 34864

 A sterile piece of fabric or plastic material intended to be applied to a part of a patient's body and held in place by its pressure-sensitive adhesive to secure objects to the skin, cover and protect wounds, and/or approximate the skin edges of a wound; it may or may not include an absorbent pad. It is not intended for compression bandaging and is not an adhesive tape nor an adhesive strip (e.g., such as an Elastoplast or Band-aid brand).



Exudate-absorbent dressing, non-gel, non-antimicrobial - 44970

 A wound covering intended to assist in wound healing by absorbing exudate in wounds (e.g., ulcers, burns, surgical wounds, lacerations, abrasions) and often by creating a moist woundhealing environment. It is not in the form of a gel and does not produce a water-absorbent gel upon contact with wound exudates, but may be designed to absorb and remove exudates (e.g., by capillary action); it does not contain an antimicrobial agent, but may include antioxidant properties. The device is available in a variety of forms (e.g., flat sheet/filmlike, impregnated pouches, filled sachets, lyophilized matrix, ribbon, rope, foam, liquid, or powder).



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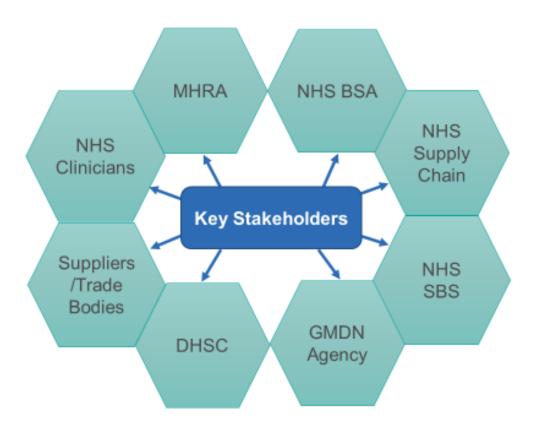
Quality assurance of technical and coding attributes

- Technical and coding attribute data for dressings currently going out individually to all suppliers / manufacturers on a weekly basis inviting them to quality assure our data repository:
 - Includes where we have recommended a different GMDN code.
- Ongoing process of updating our repository as and when returns are received from suppliers.
- Hoping to complete by end June 2024.



Sharing emerging hierarchy – levels 1 - 4

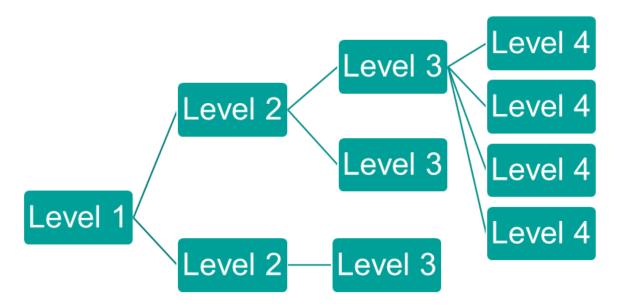
- Today's slides will be posted on our website.
- We plan to share the emerging hierarchy levels 1-4 with stakeholders, in the next few weeks.
- Invite comments by end of June.





Quality assurance of product grouping by suppliers

- Timing in part dependent on results of previous two stages.
- Suppliers will receive the proposed position of their products in the emerging classification system.
- Feedback will be invited.





Moving on from dressings

1 Dressings

- 2 Irrigation
- 3 Debridement Pads and Cloths
- 4 Barrier creams & Films
- 5 Bandages
- 6 Specialist Therapies
- 7 Compression Hosiery Procedure Packs and
- 8 accessories
- 9 Tapes

- Irrigation, debridement pads and cloths and specialist therapies
 - in preparation for supplier QA
 - hoping to complete by end of July 2024
- Bandages, barrier creams and films
 - at product identification and data cleansing stage



Implementation and links to other projects

- Implementation by organisations who list and supply wound management products.
- Establishing mechanisms for updates to the classification system.
- Quality assurance of GMDN code.
- Links to MHRA and PIM, DHSC Drug Tariff review.
- All funding dependant, NWCSP funding under review.





Plenary Discussion – Questions and Answers

Questions for panel



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