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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_593_24

You asked:

You previously confirmed having a Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care. Regarding this

1. Does the LES/DES include postoperative wound management? Y If yes:
 - a. What is the inclusion criteria?
 - b. What is the exclusion criteria?
 - c. What is the claim amount?
2. Does the LES/DES include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears? Y If yes:
 - a. What is the inclusion criteria?
 - b. What is the exclusion criteria?
 - c. What is the claim amount?
3. Do you have any primary care led wound clinics? Y If yes:
 - a. How many wound clinics are there?
 - b. Which PCNs/practices provide the service?
 - c. What is the inclusion criteria?
 - d. What is the exclusion criteria?

Our response:

Please find below information on our Local Supplementary Services relating to Wound Care. Please note, the Health Board currently have 3 specifications, one overall for CTM (Wound Care/Minor Injuries) and two for Bridgend (Simple Wound Care & Complex Wound Care). We have lifted the service outline/criteria for your information. Please note, all supplementary services will be reviewed in due course by the Supplementary Services Review Group.

CTM - Local Supplementary Service Wound care and minor injuries.

Extent of Scheme

Only surgery-based services for ambulatory patients in the categories below will be covered by a Local Supplementary Service:

1. Requests for removal of sutures, where the operative procedure and insertion of the sutures was performed outside general medical practice as a consequence of a referral to, or on-going care by, secondary care services, and where it is either inconvenient or undesirable for the patient to attend at hospital.

2. Requests for wound dressing where the operative procedure was performed outside general medical practice as a consequence of a referral to, or on-going care by, secondary care services, and where it is either inconvenient or undesirable for the patient to attend at hospital.
3. A minor injury service would cover the following treatments:
 - (i) lacerations capable of closure by stripping
 - (ii) bruises
 - (iii) following recent injury of a severity not amenable to simple domestic first aid
 - (iv) partial thickness thermal burns or scalds involving broken skin
 - (a) not over 1 inch diameter
 - (b) not involving the hands, feet, face, neck, genital areas
 - (v) foreign bodies superficially embedded in tissues
 - (vi) minor trauma to hands, limbs or feet

Payment

Practices providing this service will receive:

Full service £0.64 per registered patient per annum paid quarterly

Wound care and stitch removal only £0.23 per registered patient per annum paid quarterly

Bridgend - Local Supplementary Service Simple Wound Care.

Definition of a Simple Wound covered by this LES

A "simple" wound covered by this LES is a one that meets **all** of the following criteria:

1. Where treatment is needed to a wound which by its nature or site cannot be treated by the patient or the patient's carer, and requires the expertise of a trained healthcare professional and where, except for post-operative suture/clip removal, **usually more than one attendance at the surgery is required.**
2. **AND** care of the wound is **not already** covered by any other medical contract held with the practice, or other related contract e.g. Minor Surgery Enhanced Service or Vasectomy SLA.
3. **AND** is considered to fall into at least one of the following simple wound categories

Simple Wounds
Laceration, abrasion or haematoma
Cellulitis

Removal of sutures or clips
Post-Operative Dressing
Redressing/Change Of Dressing(s)
Stable demarcated gangrenous toes
Burns

4. **BUT is not** in any of the following complex wound categories

Complex Wounds
Leg Ulcers of all types
Lymphoedema
Pressure Ulcers
Non stable gangrenous toes awaiting specialist vascular opinion/intervention
Fungating Lesion
Leaky Legs (Heart Failure, Gross Oedema, Lymphoedema)
Any wound older than 6 weeks, without significant improvement, that has been reviewed by the UHB wound care service, and it is mutually agreed (by wound care service, practice and patient) the care plan is best managed within the practice, and thereafter reviewed with wound clinic every 3 months

Payment

The item of service fee provided under this Local enhanced Service will be paid at a rate of £7.20 per consultation, payable quarterly

Bridgend - Local Supplementary Service Complex Wound Care.

A "complex" wound covered by this SLA is a one that meets **all** of the following criteria:

1. Where treatment is needed to a wound which by its nature or site cannot be treated by the patient or the patient's carer and requires the expertise of a trained healthcare professional and where **usually more than one attendance at the surgery is required.**
2. **AND** care of the wound is **not already** covered by any other medical contract held with the practice, or other related contract e.g. Minor Surgery Enhanced Service or Vasectomy SLA, or LES for Care of Simple Wounds and Postoperative Suture Removal.

3. **AND** is considered to fall into at least one of the following complex wound categories

Complex Wounds
Leg Ulcers of all types
Lymphoedema
Pressure Ulcers
Non stable gangrenous toes awaiting specialist vascular opinion/intervention
Fungating Lesion
Leaky Legs (Heart Failure, Gross Oedema, Lymphoedema)
Any wound older than 6 weeks, without significant improvement, that has been reviewed by the UHB wound care service, and it is mutually agreed (by wound care service, practice and patient) the care plan is best managed within the practice, and thereafter reviewed with wound clinic every 3 months

4. **BUT is not** in any of the following simple wound categories

Simple Wounds
Laceration, abrasion or haematoma
Cellulitis
Removal of sutures or clips
Post-Operative Dressing
Redressing/Change Of Dressing(s)
Stable demarcated gangrenous toes
Burns

Payment

The payment will consist of a **Consultation Fee** to be based on a price per wound care consultation of £12.00 per consultation. Where wounds on two limbs are dressed, then two fees can be claimed if the consultation duration is genuinely twice as long.

Community Wound Care Clinics

Community clinics are run Monday – Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm. Referrals are received and accepted from community and primary care services excluding acute and secondary care services.

Community Clinics are held over 7 clinical sites:

- Kier Hardie Health Park
- YCC
- YCR
- Dewi Sant Health Park
- Pencoed New Surgery Min-y-Nant
- Porthcawl Medical Practice
- Maesteg General Hospital

We undertake all types of wound care for ambulatory patients, above the age of 18 years. For housebound patients, the District Nursing service undertake wound care.

Criteria

- Mobile Residents of all Localities across CTMUHB requiring Wound Care Assessment, Management and Treatment including:
 - Removal of Sutures
 - Removal of Clips
 - Regular redressing of wound
 - Skin Tear Management
 - Burns Management i.e. partial thickness thermal burns or scalds involving broken skin not over 1 inch (2cm) diameter or not involving the hands, feet, face, neck, genital areas
 - Pressure Ulcer Management (stage 2, 3 & 4) – mobile patients only, the District Nursing service will continue to manage those who are immobile
 - An open wound requiring Topical Negative Pressure
 - Open wound requiring Maggot Therapy
 - Leg Ulcer Management (chronic wounds)
 - Post op wound care

Exclusions

- Patients who are acutely ill and require immediate input
- Patients who are housebound - please refer to District Nursing Team
- Patients registered with those Practices who currently provide a wound care and minor injuries locally enhanced service (the exception being complex wounds such as leg ulcers)
- Patients under the age of 18, unless extenuating circumstances (please discuss with team prior to referring).