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Subject:	Community equipment stores
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Requested

1. What is the population size and geographical area served by your Community Equipment Service?
2. How many registered patients do you currently have with equipment on issue?
3. How much did you spend on pressure care items for community equipment from:
4. How many community acquired grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers were recorded within your area for the period:
5. How many community acquired grade 2 pressure ulcers were recorded within your area for the period:
6. What pressure care equipment do you offer within your core stock?
EG: Static mattress, air flow mattress, static pressure cushion, air pressure cushions, flexi gel pads, heel boots etc.
And how many on average do you issue of each per month?
7. Please can you share any guidance / clinical criteria used by clinicians when selecting which pressure area care equipment to issue?

Response:

1. The table below provides the population size and geographical area covered by each of the three community equipment stores that service Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB); Carmarthenshire Community Response (CaCR), Ceredigion Community Response (CeCR) and SHAPES Pembrokeshire.

County	Population Size	Geographical Area (mi ²)
CaCR	186,500	925
CeCR	73,100	693
SHAPES	124,700	613

2. The table below provides the number of registered patients who are currently issued with equipment by each of the three community equipment stores.

County	Registered Patients
CaCR	1,100
CeCR	470
SHAPES	4,903

3. The table overleaf provides the total each county store spent on pressure care items within the last three full financial years.

County	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
CaCR	£223,500	£206,000	£192,200
CeCR	£79,000	£46,000	£73,000
SHAPES	No records	No records	£83,449.56

4. The table below provides the number of community acquired grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers were recorded within each of the counties during the last three full financial years.

County	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
CaCR	10	113	9
CeCR	4	2	2
SHAPES	11	17	16

5. The table below provides the number of community acquired grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers were recorded within each of the counties during the last three full financial years.

County	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
CaCR	138	130	108
CeCR	100	94	56
SHAPES	115	153	139

6. The table below provides the core stock offered by the Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion equipment stores and the average number issued each month.

Equipment	CaCR	CeCR
Standard Mattress	40	22
Air flow Mattress	60	21
Standard Cushions	60	38
Airflow / Gel cushions	22	32
Repose Heal Boots	15	0
Profiling Beds	55	27

The table overleaf provides the core stock offered by Pembrokeshire county equipment stores and the average number of issues per month.

Equipment	SHAPES
Repose Boots	10
Gel Cushion	5
Thin Cushion	16
Foam Cushion	22
Propad Single	2
Propad Double	3
Foam Mattress	17
4ft Foam Mattress	1 bimonthly
Double Foam Mattress	1 quarterly
Hybrid Mattress	38

7. Clinical guidance must be sought from the Agenda for Change (AfC) Band 8 Clinical Lead, who will then authorise the issue of any pressure care equipment.

Individual assessment of the patient's risk of developing pressure damage, and their home environment, will determine use of specialist pressure relieving equipment. For patients assessed as being at risk of developing pressure damage, use of a high specification pressure redistributing foam mattress should be recommended.

However, consideration must be given to the extended time period between nursing visits and the patient's home circumstances. Where patients may not have regular assistance available to help them change their position, additional equipment such as a medium and high risk dynamic mattress may also be required to decrease the risk of developing pressure damage.