

BURN CARE UPDATE

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Achievements this Quarter

Obtaining professional agreement to the Standards for Burn Care

Completing the consultation on the Process for the Designation of Burn Care Services to improve care for patients

Achievements to date

Establishing a UK-wide forum (the National Burn Care Group) to carry forward the recommendations of the National Burn Care Review

Briefing Specialised Commissioners about the overwhelming case for changing the way patients with burn injuries are cared for

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Stop Press

Burn Care Services in Northern Ireland are to be included in the process for the designation of services. Further details in the next Update.

Welcome to the second edition of the Burn Care Update
Our aim is keep you informed of the work accomplished to date and prospective plans for Burn Care

Roadshows Coming to your area soon

A series of roadshows is being staged around the country in response to the comments received on the consultation document 'Process for the designation of burn care services to improve care for patients'. Most comments referred to the need to include all stakeholders in the process and to take account of their views.

Roadshows will enable commissioners, patients and specialist staff to comment further on the plans to improve care for patients through the process for designating burn care services.

Expected dates for roadshows

North West	Before June 5 th
South West/Wales	Before June 11th
East and West Midlands/	
Southern Yorkshire	Before June 26 th
North East	Before July 9 th
London, Eastern and	
Kent, Surrey & Sussex	Before 23 rd July



The National Burn Bed Bureau celebrates its first year

The National Burn Bed Bureau is now a year old. Its ability to identify available beds for the treatment of people with burn injuries is proving to be a most valuable resource. A & E staff say it has reduced the time taken to find a bed to a single phone call. The next step is to transfer it to a real-time web based system making access even easier.



*If you need a bed for a
patient telephone*

01384 215576

Standards for burn care

The draft Standards for Burn Care have now been amended as a result of the consultation with professional bodies and all the services. They have been converted into a self-assessment document which has already been sent to the services as part of the designation process.

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Patient and public involvement

The National Burn Care Group is anxious to have patients and the public involved in all its deliberations and is developing a strategy to do this. If you are part of an individual group or forum that would be interested in discussing issues and helping in this way please contact the Project Manager.

Designation process

Multi-disciplinary teams will visit each burn care service in the summer to review existing available services. The visits are being clustered to reduce travelling and aid consistency. Each service has been asked to nominate a co-ordinator to bring together the details of the visits which are expected to take place according to the following timetable:

Week beginning June 14 th Liverpool Manchester Sheffield	Week beginning 21 st June Swansea Bristol Salisbury
Week beginning 5 th July Birmingham Nottingham Leicester	Week beginning 19 th July Wakefield Newcastle Middlesborough
Weeks beginning 2 nd August and 6 th September Chelmsford Chelsea & Westminster East Grinstead Mount Vernon St George's Stoke Mandeville	

Burns major incident

The planning team has held its first meeting. Arising from that, an up to date audit of burn care beds has been conducted and is being fed into major incident planning

Consultation on the Process for the Designation of Burn Care Services to improve care for patients Comments received

The National Burn Care Group received 63 responses which represented over 90 different organisations. Generally speaking the comments were favourable with many people saying they supported the principles. If you would like a copy of the full analysis and how the NBCG are taking the comments into account, please contact the Project Manager.