Derbyshire ICES Newsletter 1

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Focusing on Pressure Redistribution Equipment

<u> 3" Underlay Single Mattress – BED307</u>

NHS

- Use under alternating overlays unless patients own mattress being used
- Preferred base mattress under alternating mattress when bed rails in use
- Not to be used alone as product has no pressure relieving properties
- Do not forget to requisition the collection of all previous mattresses
- By using just a 3" base mattress this will mean that when used with an overlay, the height of the bed will not be compromised for transfers

Double Memaflex Mattress – BED630

- High risk category
- Visco elastic
- Replacement mattress should not be put on top of any other mattress

Repose Bootees – BED553 (pair)/BED553S (single)

- No longer require authorisation from Tissue Viability Team
- Single boot available and should be ordered if pressure redistribution is required for one foot only
- Use for the prevention and management of heel pressure ulcers
- Patients must be advised not to walk in them
- Note product more costly than the harvest heel pad, however, Prescriber must consider use for heel damage and use in conjunction with appropriate mattress

Transflo Leisure Cushion – SEA865

- High risk category
- High density foam and gel cushion
- This cushion at 2" depth has been chosen in order to make them compatible for use with chairs and 3 piece suites
- Not to be used for long term wheelchairs provided by the Wheelchair Service refer directly to that service for provision
- Cushion provided with liner to maximise reuse

Harvest Heel Pads – BED654

- Product has no pressure relieving properties
- When wearing these heel pads, people's feet should rest on a supportive surface as the weight of the heel pads may increase the potential risk of foot drop.
- Care should be taken to ensure that the securing straps cannot rub against the skin and result in tissue damage.

No Turn Visco Mattress – BED655

- The memaflex mattress has been identified as the preferred product of purchase and so the visco no turn is not listed in the Product Selection Guide
- Visco No Turn Mattress is still available to order
- Product name misleading and refers to the product rather than the patient

WHEN ORDERING ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS REMEMBER TO COLLECT PREVIOUS EQUIPMENT