

REASON WHY?

Ward 25 look after people who are at very high risk of developing pressure ulcers, either because of their condition, or because of the medication they take because of their condition. As such it is of upmost importance to have good practice for tissue viability embedded into ward practice



To increase compliance with pressure ulcer documentation by April 2024 as evidenced by Nursing metrics.

PLAN

For a period of time in 2022 the ward had a sustained time of no pressure sores at all, although this was maintained for six months, it didn't sustain over time.

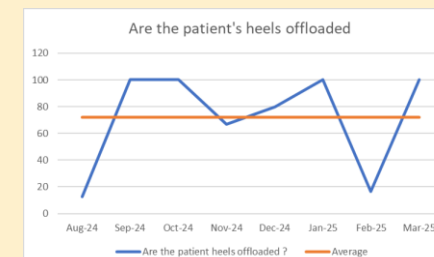
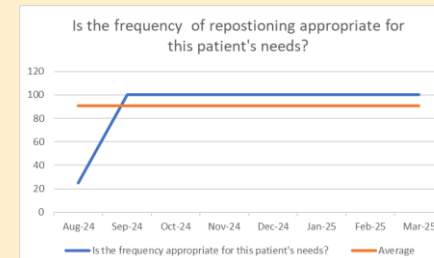
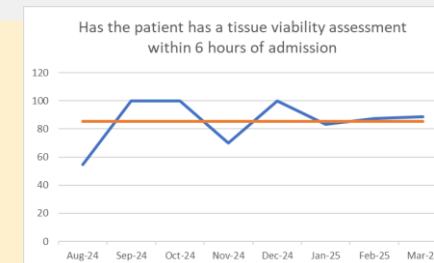
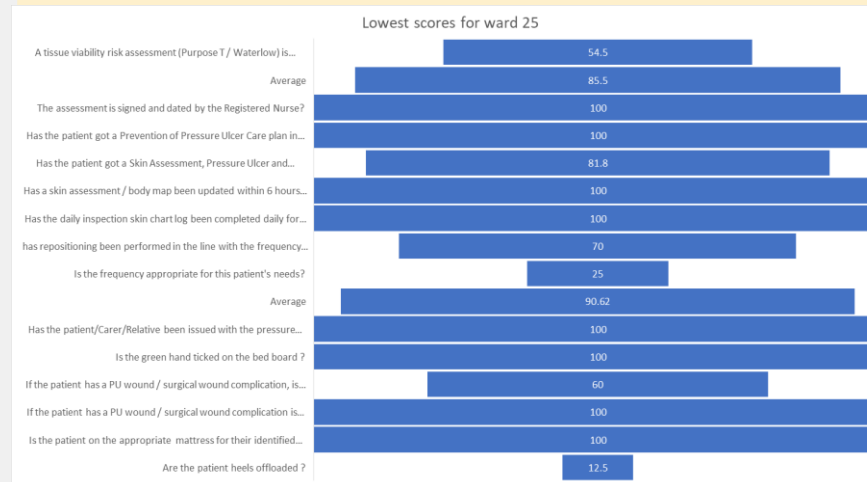
The team in December 2023, decided, led by the ward manager and band 6 nurse team to instigate a process where all pressure ulcers were looked at by the senior nursing team and the areas photographed and sent to be uploaded to portal

DO

The ward manager utilised huddles, handovers and ward meetings to make sure that all staff knew that pressure areas needed to be photographed and reported to herself and the band 6 team. This allowed better recording and documentation of pressure areas and gave the senior ward nurses greater oversight over care.

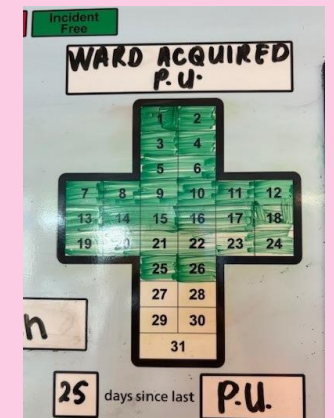
STUDY

Although the number of category 3 pressure Ulcers was low, since the new process started it has further reduced by 33%. Although the total number of pressure ulcers has not reduced in this high-risk area the team are seeing that documentation and recording have got significantly better, as well as some practices.



ACT

With the Ward Manager Due to retire in May 2025, the ward are considering it they need to make any adaptations to the embedded process at all.



Above: The ward quality board showing number of pressure ulcers