

# Reducing Pressure Ulcers in Care Homes Improvement Programme

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## Aims and objectives

SPSP will work with Health and Social Care Partnerships, NHS boards, Scottish Care and other local authority, private and third sector care homes across Scotland to reduce the incidence of pressure ulcers for residents in care homes.

In order to achieve this, our objectives are as follows:

- a) to support staff to improve processes and be able to demonstrate their residents receive the best care to prevent and manage pressure ulcers
- b) to promote collaboration and communication across primary care, secondary care and the independent sector
- c) to support quality improvement (QI) methodology, capacity and capability to support improvement work within care homes
- d) to promote reliability with risk assessment and care planning to reduce the incidence of pressure ulcers (for example, use of SSKIN2 care bundle) in care homes
- e) to plan and develop a change package and related resources to support testing of interventions and measure improvement in the incidence of pressure ulcers
- f) to scope resources available to support local teams in understanding pressure ulcer prevention, and
- g) to evaluate the impact of improvement work within care homes through this improvement programme.