NHS Supply Chain

# Barrier Film Nationally Contracted Products (NCP): Our Clinically Informed Procurement Process

NHS Supply Chain: Infection Control and Wound Care

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# General Wound Care – Barrier Films

## Introduction

Barrier Films, fall under the General Wound Care Framework Agreement. The strategy for this category area was to optimise the product listing to reduce unwarranted product variation.

The procurement strategy for this category was developed following the publication of the CET publication for "Skin Barrier Films" which proposed to re-open competition under the current Framework and award across a basket of products for Skin Barrier Films.

The intelligence gained from the CET national engagement events and the results of the product range evaluation formed the foundation of the evidence required to ensure the products listed remain fit for purpose safe, and value for money.

## Clinical assurance

The Clinical and Product Assurance Team (CaPA) are responsible for the clinical assurance of the products that are supplied by SCCL.

NHS Supply Chain engagement, in addition to the engagement of the CET, took place with a wide variety of stakeholders nationally with both the NHS and Suppliers. NHS Supply Chain: Infection Control and Wound Care were able to identify important clinical criteria which have been used to establish both an enhanced specification and evaluation process, to be able to meet the SCCLs Clinical and Product Assurance (CaPA) framework.

## Who have we engaged with?

A wide range of key stakeholders were engaged with from a wide geographical spread and different areas within a trust setting. These stakeholders were recognised as subject experts, and/or recognised regular users of these products in their clinical practice.

1. Regional Specialist Networks
2. Trusted Customer
3. Reference Trusts from a wide geographical spread
4. Tissue Viability Nurses
5. Mental Health Trust
6. Clinical Procurement Specialist Nurses
7. Community Services

## The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP)

NHS Supply Chain are currently working towards aligning all their wound care strategies with the work of the NWCSP. This strategy outcome preceded the specification work that is currently being undertaken nationally however this range of products with be included within the scope of the national work for the next framework renewal.

## Development of the clinical criteria

Within NHS Supply Chain: Infection Control and Wound Care we have a team of highly experienced registered clinicians, who form part of our Clinical Collaboration Team (CCT). The CCT support the clinical engagement, development of clinical criteria and work collaboratively with the CaPA team.

The CCT used the findings of the Clinical Evaluation Team (CET) report as a basis of engagement with customers. These finding helped to decide the most important clinical criteria for Barrier Films specification. The key criteria were established as:

- The product drying time – The product must dry within 40 seconds
- The product is clear on the skin
- IFU or product packaging to include contraindications for use
- The product must be free from Sodium Lauryl Sulphate (SLS)

The full details from the CET report can be found here.

## Awarded suppliers

As a result of the procurement activity, two suppliers were awarded under each of the below product categories. All options will be available nationally:

| Successful suppliers | Medical Plus | 3M United Kingdom Plc |
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| Lot 1 – Barrier Film Foam Applicator 1ml - no sting sterile (award to top 2 suppliers) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lot 2 – Barrier Film Foam Applicator 3ml - no sting sterile (award to top 2 suppliers) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lot 3 – Barrier Film Spray 28ml – 30ml - no sting sterile (award to top 2 suppliers) | ✓ | ✓ |

## Barrier Film Foam Applicator 2ml applicator

This product was not part of this reopening of competition but will be removed from the Framework Agreement

## Barrier Film Spray 50ml

This product was not part of this reopening of competition but will remain on the Framework Agreement.

## Who to contact?

If as part of this award, you are now required or would like to buy a different brand of product, or if you have any other queries, please contact your NHS Supply Chain Account Manager.