

Film and Film Island Dressings Nationally Contracted Products (NCP): Our Clinically Informed Procurement Process

NHS Supply Chain: Infection Control and Wound Care



Film and Film Island Dressings

Introduction

Film and Film Island Dressings are part of the General Wound Care Framework of which Film Dressings and Associated products forms the largest category area. 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 “Film and Film Islands dressings”. It proposed to re-open competition under the current Framework and award across a basket of products for both Film and Film Islands Dressings.

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 Wound Care Specialists

6 Specialist Nurses

7 Wound Care Charities

8 Formulary Groups

9 Clinical Procurement Specialist Nurses

10 Clinical Commissioning Groups

11 Ambulance Service

12 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 will 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.

Our Clinical Collaboration Team (CCT) for Wound Care and Infection Control, used the findings of the Clinical Evaluation Team (CET) report as a basis of engagement with customers. These findings helped to decide the most important clinical criteria for Film and Film Island Dressings specification, based on a 1-5 rating scale. The key criteria were established as:

- The product must have a minimum wear time of 48 Hours
- The product must be transparent
- The product must include instructions for the applications of the product on either the product itself, the instruction for use document or any part of the packaging
- Size of dressing visible on the packaging
- Shape of dressing visible on the packaging
- Instructions for application
- Products must include instructions for the application of the product. This can be provided on either the product itself, or the product packaging, or within the instructions for use document that is provided within the product packaging. The instructions can either be diagrammatical, pictorial or in text.

The full details from the CET report can be found [here](#).



Awarded suppliers

As a result of the procurement activity, four suppliers were awarded under each of the product areas (Film Dressings and Film Island Dressings).

Film Dressings

The four successful suppliers within this lot are below, along with the sizes that formed part of this award. All four options will be available nationally.

Successful suppliers	365 Healthcare	3m United Kingdom Plc	Richardson Healthcare Limited	Smith & Nephew
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film Sterile, 5-6cm x 7-8cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film Sterile, 9.5-12cm x 12-15cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film Sterile, 10-15.5cm x 20-25cm	✓	✓	✓	✓

Film Island Dressings

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Successful suppliers	365 Healthcare	Smith & Nephew	Paul Hartmann Limited	Richardson Healthcare Limited
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film with Absorbent Pad Sterile, 5-6cm x 6.5-7.2cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film with Absorbent Pad Sterile, 8-10 x 9.5-12cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film with Absorbent Pad Sterile, 8-10 x 10-15.5cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film with Absorbent Pad Sterile, 9-10cm x 20-25cm	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dressing Vapour-Permeable Adhesive Film with Absorbent Pad Sterile, 9-10cm x 30-35cm	✓	✓	✓	✓

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](#).