Objectives

Aim to prevent and reduce the numbers of pressure injuries/ulcers (PI/PUs) developed within the community care setting.

A total of 445 PI/PUs were reported by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust Community Services during Q1 2019/20.

This included:
- Present on admission
- Developed whilst on the caseload
- Deterioration whilst on the caseload

Method

- 2 pilot district nursing sites identified for a 12-week PURP with a focus on palliative care patients
- Patients scanned 4 – 5 days per week
- Intervention was implemented depending upon the results of the SEM Scanner readings

Results

- 16.1% PI/PU incidence in the pre-study pilot period
- 11.8% PI/PU incidence achieved during study pilot period
- Incidence during the study period reduced by 26.9%

Discussion

Trust Executive Team agreed to procure SEM Scanners for every District Nursing Team and Ward 35 (Intermediate Care)

SEM Scanner implemented into clinical practice across all District Nurse Bases.