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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

If a Patient had acquired grade 4 pressure sores in Hospital, would the hospital treat the patient before returning them to a care home?

***Anyone with a cat 4 would involve medical or surgical team review to support diagnosis and treatment plan. Treatment would be commenced in hospital.***

***Any grade 4 Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer (HAPU) would have a treatment plan prior to discharge. If the PU treatment plan and patients overall clinical condition meant they could return to their home/care home this would be facilitated, and ongoing treatment would continue in community setting.***

Or would the hospital return the patient who had acquired the grade 4 pressure sores in hospital, return the patient to the care home with grade 4 pressure sores?

***As above***

***A patient can be cared for with grade 4 HAPU in community setting once a plan of treatment is in place including clinical treatment plan and equipment required ie pressure re-distributing devices in place/Tissue Viability team oversight and referral to District Nurse team for ongoing delivery of care and oversight of PU as required in care home setting. Skin assessments/risks assessments would support this decision making.***

Policy and processes to be followed in hospital, regarding grade4 pressure sores please send policies and procedures?

***Cheshire and Merseyside Regional policy is used across MWL***