Appendix 4-Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Tool

This applies to all patients on admission and transfer to clinical areas. Water low Score and SSKIN assessment to take place within 4 hours of arriving on the Community Bed setting, and on the very first visit in the Community Nursing setting. **WLS** and **MUST** Risk assessment tools should be done as per Trust Policy.

- Water Low Score of 16 and above
- Has a current pressure ulcer Category 2,3,4, DTI or Unstageable?
- Has Incontinence Associated Dermatitis 2A or 2B
- Reduced/Altered Consciousness
- Spends a high proportion of time in bed or chair

High Risk

-Complete SSKIN assessment check every 4 hours

-Minimise pressure on bony prominence including, turning onto alternate sides, using correct slide sheets/equipment

-Complete repositioning charts every 2 hours a day and 4 hours at night

-Datix/Safeguarding to be completed as per above identified skin damage

-Complete wound management chart and care plans

-Nurse on Alternating or Low Air Loss pressure relieving mattress and air cushion

-Encourage patients to mobilise

-Limit patients sitting out with the above pressure damage to mealtimes

-Consider offloading heel devices

-Water low Score 12 and above, but below 16 AND

-Previous history of pressure ulcers

-Vulnerable skin

-Incontinence

-Needs help with repositioning/reduced mobility

-Sensory loss

-Vascular/Arterial disease/O2 therapy/Cardiac history

Amber- Medium

-Complete SSKIN assessment every 6 hours

-Commence repositioning every 3 hours during the day and 4 hourlies at night

-Datix and Safeguarding as appropriate, and if skin damage does occur

Datix/Safeguarding to be completed as per above identified skin damage/Recalculate Water low Score

-Complete wound management chart and care plans

-Nurse on Alternating or Low Air Loss pressure relieving mattress and air cushion

-Encourage patients to mobilise

-Limit patients sitting out with the above pressure damage to mealtimes

-Consider offloading heel devices

Water low Score is 12 or Below

-Nurse on Static pressure relieving mattress

-Complete intentional rounding