

SUMMARY OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

LEG ULCER LES RUGBY PLACE (1st April 2026 – 31st March 2028)

1. Service Description/Pathway

The service is intended for all suitable patients aged 18 years who would benefit from compression therapy in a general practice setting for new and existing venous leg ulceration to support venous return.

The ambition of the service is to support the following health outcomes:

- Prevent people from developing lower limb ulceration
- Improve healing rates of venous leg ulcers
- Improve patient's quality of life and experience
- Improve patient and clinical outcomes and fewer complications
 - Reduce risk of infection
 - Reduce recurrence rates of venous leg ulcers
- Reduced need to utilise other services (including unplanned care services)
- Reduced waiting times
- Reduced health inequalities by improved patient access to leg ulcer compression therapy

The Provider will deliver this service specification in line with the following standards and requirements:

- Confirm that the request for assessment and treatment has been made in accordance with the inclusion criteria for the service
- Ensure that consent has been obtained and documented on the patient's clinical record
- Undertake a full and holistic assessment of the patient with leg ulceration to assess their suitability for compression therapy. This will include the use of Doppler ultrasound as a diagnostic tool.
- Develop an individualised treatment plan based on a local practice-based management protocol which reflects national guidelines and evidenced best practice.
- Deliver regular dressings and compression therapy according to an individualised patient treatment plan.
- Undertake ongoing review and reassessment of the patient
- Make referrals where appropriate to specialist services, e.g. the specialist tissue viability nursing team, dermatology or vascular services.
- Record the results in the patient's clinical record
- Support and contribute to ongoing patient education

2. Exclusion Criteria

The following indications and patient groups are currently not included under this specification, and practices will not be paid for these patients under this service agreement:

- Patients under 18 years of age
- All non- ambulatory patients requiring assessment and management of all lower leg ulcers/wounds (care will remain under the care of the district nursing team)

- Patients treated outside the practice by the community nursing team (even when prescribing responsibility sits with the practice)
- Patients receiving treatment and practices claiming for wound care activity though the Coventry and Warwickshire Non-Complex Wound Care LES, Minor Injuries LES or other National Enhanced Service arrangements, such as the Minor Surgery Directed Enhanced Service (DES). Please note that this list is not exhaustive

3. Coding

For the purposes of payment, the register of patients is defined as follows:

- Ambulatory patients aged 18 years and over who receive Doppler ultrasound to support holistic assessment of a venous leg ulcer
- Ambulatory patients aged 18 years and over who receive compression therapy to support venous leg ulcer healing

Practices are required to use the following SNOMED CT codes to confirm that a patient has been monitored through this LES.

Table 1: List of Clinical Codes for Data Collection

Description		Clinical Codes
Ankle Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI) ultrasound	Ankle brachial pressure index	401221002
	Left ankle brachial pressure index (Includes all child codes)	751071000000105
	Right ankle brachial pressure index (Includes all child codes)	751061000000103
	Ankle brachial pressure index	446841001
	Left dorsalis pedis ankle brachial pressure index (Includes all child codes)	1083561000000100
	Right dorsalis pedis ankle brachial pressure index (Includes all child codes)	1083581000000109
Leg Ulcer Management	Leg ulcer compression therapy started (Includes all child codes)	247851000000107
	Compression bandaging contraindicated (Includes all child codes)	837141000000106
	Two-layer compression bandage for skin ulcer	312647006
	Three-layer compression bandage for skin ulcer	314129003
	Four-layer compression bandaging for skin ulcer	312648001
	One of the two codes below must also be recorded on the same day alongside the relevant code used above for activity to qualify for payment	
	Complex skin ulcer care enhanced services Administration	816441000000108
	Complex wound care enhanced services administration	373681000000104

N.B: Coding qualifying patients for payment under this LES will render the patient non-payable under the Wound Care LES for activity done on the same day.

4. Payments

Providers will be remunerated as follows:

- **Leg Ulcer Compression Therapy: £33.37** (This will be paid in the quarter the patient has been seen for compression therapy)

Intervention	Description	Funding
Leg Ulcer Management	Leg Ulcer Compression Therapy	£33.37

Payments will be made based upon the number of eligible patients that service providers declare in their quarterly activity submissions.

The ICB reserves the right to audit service quality or financial claims if it deems this to be appropriate.

The LES will be uplifted annually in line with the annual uplift provided by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

5. Data Submissions and Practice Claims for Payment

Practices will be required to submit the following quarterly data sets for activity being claimed by the **5th working day** of the following quarter.

Quarterly Activity Data Sets should include the following information:

- Name of Practice and whether activity is delivered through subcontracting arrangements, including name of service provider.
- The total number of patients with a suspected or established venous leg ulcer seen for diagnostic Doppler investigation in the quarter being claimed
- The total number of patients seen for compression bandaging in the quarter being claimed
- The total number of eligible patient contacts seen for compression bandaging in the quarter being claimed
- The total number of eligible patient contacts for compression bandaging seen in Extended Access Clinics