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Policy Recommendation: Negative Pressure Wound Therapy

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The Priorities Committee reviewed the evidence for the effectiveness of negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) which involves the application of a wound dressing through which a negative pressure (or vacuum) is applied, with wound and tissue fluid being collected into a canister.

It is recognised that the evidence for the clinical effectiveness of NPWT for a number of indications is evolving. However, with the evidence available the committee recommends that:

The use of NPWT post-surgical debridement of diabetic foot ulcers is in line with NICE guidance and is **supported**.

However, the evidence **did not support** the use of NPWT in venous ulcers which should be low priority and not routinely commissioned.

Whilst the panel recognised the considered expert advice of NICE in their recommendation as well as the national Evidence Based Interventions Programme. The Committee also had a duty to prioritise spending of a finite resource locally and made a decision which it felt gave the most equitable and effective use of investment