

# New Way Leg Clinic, South Bristol

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- **Swift PCN** re-established the **New Way Leg Clinic** with funding until Feb '23. Age UK Bristol funded by Ageing Well prog until March '23 to pilot an integrated approach
- Two clinical sessions each week at The Withywood Centre. Ave 40 patients per week from 7 GP surgeries in South Bristol
- Team of nurses and HCAs treat leg wounds using compression bandaging techniques
- Age UK Bristol provides a social element, with support/signposting to practical, social, emotional support in vol sector and sets up new opportunities based on people's needs e.g. FAB Café

I was really worried [about] what to expect... and then when I actually walked through the door and I could see they were treating several people at the same time, with various conditions and levels of a leg problem, I was feeling at ease, I was thinking, 'It's not just me'

John, leg clinic participant

# New Way Leg Clinic - Benefits



Brings together strengths of health and voluntary sector:

- **Improved healing rate**
- **Reduced re-infection rate**
- **Reduces stigma** associated with leg wounds
- **Reduction in prescriptions**
- **Prevention of unplanned hospital admissions**
- **Clinic hours** released for other priorities
  
- **Reduction in health inequalities**
- **Peer support** – patients and also volunteers
- **Engagement and activity to promote wellbeing**
- **Enables other support needs** to be identified e.g. benefits, housing, social care
- **Reduction in waste and carbon footprint**

# New Way Leg Clinic – Next Steps

Things that need further work:

- Securing low-cost **nail cutting** services to be provided in the clinic
- **Larger space** to meet demand and improve welcoming atmosphere
- **Transport.**

**The future:**

- **Joint funding** to enable **integrated approach**
- Offer to share our learning with **Locality Partnerships** across BNSSG
- **Integrated model** could work with other long term conditions.

