

Appendix 7

**Risk Assessments Frequency of completion – A Guide for Community Services
(Inclusive of Waterlow, MUST, aSSKING, Wound Assessment & Photography)**

All service users must have the below baseline risk assessments completed (if applicable) on **initial visit** by the community team. Thereafter, frequency will be dependent on the degree of pressure damage and or based on the clinicians clinical judgement and in combination with the service users personalised plan of care.

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL	FREQUENCY
Waterlow (Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Tool)	Monthly
MUST (Nutritional Risk Assessment Tool)	Monthly
aSSKING Bundle	At each visit - with the exception for patients with diabetes (without any pressure damage) where it should to be completed weekly.
Wound Assessment & Photography – Acute, Surgical & Trauma Wounds & and Cat 3, 4 and unstageable pressure ulcers.	Twice Monthly
Wound Assessment & Photography – Chronic Wounds	Monthly

🚩 Green – Monthly

🚩 Amber – Twice Monthly

🚩 Red – At each visit

- The Waterlow risk assessment, MUST tool, aSSKING bundle, wound assessment and photography (if applicable) must be completed if the clinician notes any change in the service user's condition.
- If the service user refuses or declines a risk/ skin assessment, please ensure you explain the rationale and discuss reasons for and document clearly in record.
- If the frequency of risk assessment screening needs to be modified for individual care, please ensure the care plan is updated and amended to reflect this change.
- The clinician's clinical judgement is paramount in the assessment process. Always ensure your rationale is clearly and concisely documented.