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Our theme for 2024 is  
**INCLUSIVITY** – ‘Are we  
really **LOOKING**, are we really  
**LISTENING**’ and we see this in the  
following way...

**MIGHT WE NEED TO ADJUST OUR COMMUNICATION STYLE?**

– Consider the needs of your colleagues and patients when communicating. Everyone “hears” / learns differently

**MIGHT WE NEED TO ADJUST OR SIMPLIFY OUR MESSAGES? –**

Information can be overwhelming for many reasons and can be difficult to process

**MIGHT WE NEED TO CONSIDER OUR ENVIRONMENT? –**

Background/environmental constraints may be very distracting

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**PRESSURE ULCERS**  
RESULT IN **HIGH MEDICAL**  
**COSTS, INCREASED USE**  
OF **ANTIBIOTICS AND**  
**ANALGESIA**, AND PLACE A  
**HIGH BURDEN** NOT ONLY ON  
**PATIENTS' FAMILIES** BUT  
ALSO ON THE **NATIONAL**  
**HEALTH AND SOCIAL**  
**CARE SYSTEMS**

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**PRESSURE ULCERS**  
ARE A **COMMON**  
**OCCURRENCE** THAT AFFECT  
**OVER 700,000** UK PATIENTS  
PER YEAR, PARTICULARLY  
THOSE WHOSE **MOBILITY IS**  
**LIMITED** DUE TO **ILLNESS,**  
**SEVERE PHYSICAL**  
**DISABILITY** OR  
**INCREASING FRAILITY**

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IN OLDER PEOPLE,  
**PRESSURE ULCERS** ARE  
ASSOCIATED WITH A  
**FIVEFOLD INCREASE** IN  
**MORTALITY** WITH **HOSPITAL**  
**MORTALITY** REPORTED AT  
**25% TO 35%**

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**PRESSURE ULCERS**  
CAN RESULT IN **LONGER**  
**LENGTHS OF STAY** IN  
HOSPITAL FROM AN  
ADDITIONAL **FOUR DAYS**  
TO AN ADDITIONAL  
**10 DAYS FOR**  
**THOSE OVER**  
**75 YEARS**

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT  
**PRESSURE ULCER** CARE  
COSTS THE NHS IN THE  
REGION OF

**£571  
MILLION**

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IN ADDITION TO THE  
**COSTS OF CARE**, THE  
NHS IS INCREASINGLY  
**FACING  
LITIGATION**

AS A RESULT OF  
**PRESSURE ULCER  
OCCURRENCE**

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DESPITE PROGRESS  
SINCE 2012 IN THE  
MANAGEMENT OF  
**PRESSURE ULCERS**, THEY  
REMAIN A SIGNIFICANT  
HEALTHCARE PROBLEM.

**OVER 1,300  
NEW ULCERS**  
ARE REPORTED EACH  
MONTH

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