79% of community/outpatient facilities undertook a survey in 2017 (79 facilities across 17 LHD/SHNs). 86% of clients consented to a skin inspection (1,703 people total).

76% of clients received a comprehensive risk assessment (including a skin assessment and use of a validated tool) at first presentation to the service.

PRESSURE INJURY PREVALENCE

9.3% Overall
The range varied across participating organisations between 3.7% and 17.6%.

1.9% Hospital/Health Service-acquired
The range varied across participating organisations between 0% and 3.5%.

HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURIES

Location
21% were located on the sacrum or buttocks and 34% on the heels.

Classification
18% were Stage 1
47% were Stage 2.

Of the clients receiving a comprehensive risk assessment, 24% were identified at risk of developing a pressure injury (at risk or higher) on the initial assessment.

Where a client was identified as being at risk of developing a pressure injury on the initial risk assessment 51% had a documented pressure injury prevention care plan.

Where a client was recorded as having one or more pressure injuries, 66% had a wound management record or chart documenting every current pressure injury.