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number of centres involved using similar methods of data collection then results could be more impactful. Collaborative work has been a key goal of many of the funding bodies in the UK and working with other areas can improve the transferability of results.

This will also be helpful to those who are new in post wishing to carry out audit or other projects.

Below is an idea of how this would look.

Name or Institution	Project title/audit/research	Timescale	Description Results/ Comments/ queries	Contact details
Aberdeen Tissue Viability Dept.	Grampian Telemedicine project	Ongoing	The project has been very successful and has allowed community staff to seek opinions from the tissue viability service In addition allows the department to follow up patients post discharge Is anyone else using telemedicine and how are they finding it	David Gray and Fiona Russell, Dept. Tissue Viability Aberdeen Royal Infirmary 01224 552328

Any projects which you wish to appear please forward to me at: john.timmons@wounds-uk.com

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➤ BSN Roadshows

BSN announce 2 roadshows examining the treatment of wound infection, without silver. Sorbact is a product based on hydrophobic technology, which attracts bacteria into the dressing and away from the wound bed.

The first study day will be on Wednesday of this week (5th Dec) at Worcester University and the second will be in Manchester in January, with the date still to be announced.

For more information go to the link on the [main Wounds UK web page](#).

➤ **Spot the ball**

Keeping your eye on the innovations in wound care is a bit like playing spot the ball, you can never quite be sure where it is. This little news snippet might just be the place to put your 'x' on the competition form. It has been reported (NiP 2007) that Strathclyde Institute of Medical devices has apparently developed a sensor that can monitor the healing of wounds. About half the size of a postage stamp the sensor is attached to the dressing and can then be attached by wires to a monitor for a reading to be taking on healing. 'The system is designed to take the guesswork out of wound care...The monitor means dressings aren't changed unless they need to be....' says Professor Patricia Connolly Director of the Institute.

Nursing in Practice (2007) Sensor "could transform wound care". Nursing Practice Bulletin. No 90. 1/11/07

➤ **WWW-Wonderful Website World**

The Royal District Nursing Service in Australia is a useful site to go to with lots of wound related stuff to investigate www.rdns.org.au click on the Research Unit tab and scroll to the Pursuit of Excellence newsletter

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