

# SAFER CARE FOR PATIENTS



## Venous thromboembolisms



Every new **venous thromboembolism** increases a hospital stay by around 8 days\*

**£2,888**  
(average cost per patient)

1 year of savings could mean:

**More time for you to care**

Up to 1,030 more nurses



## Pressure ulcers



Every new grade 2-4 **pressure ulcer** increases a hospital stay by around 12 days\*

**£2,549**  
(average cost per patient)

1 year of savings could mean:

**More investment in training**

Up to 950 more nurses



## Urinary tract infections



Every catheter-induced **UTI** increases a hospital stay by around 10 days\*

**£2,523**  
(average cost per patient)

1 year of savings could mean:

**A better workplace for you**

Up to 1,300 more nurses



## Hospital falls



Every **hospital fall** increases a hospital stay by around 3 days\*

**£1,215**  
(average cost per patient)

1 year of savings could mean:

**More equipment on wards**

Up to 690 more nurses



# MORE TIME FOR YOU TO CARE

**Sources:** The figures used are estimates for illustrative purposes based on the prevalence of harm included in the NHS Safety Thermometer, England 2013-14 which provides patient harms across a wide range of care settings. They are based on snapshot prevalence rather than the incidence of harm. Cost of harm: NHS reference costs 2012-13. Nurses' salary: Unit cost of health and social care 2013.

\*Hospital stays: Spyropoulos et al 2006; Raleigh et al 2008; Lagoe, Johnson & Murphy 2011; and NHS Safety Thermometer 2013/14.

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