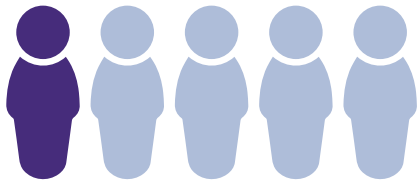


Spotlight on continence in the UK



1 in 5 people in the UK experience bladder problems (14 million people)¹

Incontinence can impact people of all ages and walks of life



34%

of women are living with urinary incontinence²

Over

2 MILLION

men experience urinary incontinence



£233,000,000

 estimated annual cost to the NHS³

Patients with incontinence are at increased risk of hospital acquired urinary tract infections (UTIs)⁴

Hospital acquired UTIs extends patients' length of stay by 6 days⁵



Over

50%

of care home residents have urinary incontinence⁶



Urinary incontinence is associated with falls, pressure ulcers, skin infections, social isolation and mental health issues⁷



The Urology Foundation is keen to hear from those with ideas on improving practice in continence care and is **calling for more investment in UK continence care.**



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