

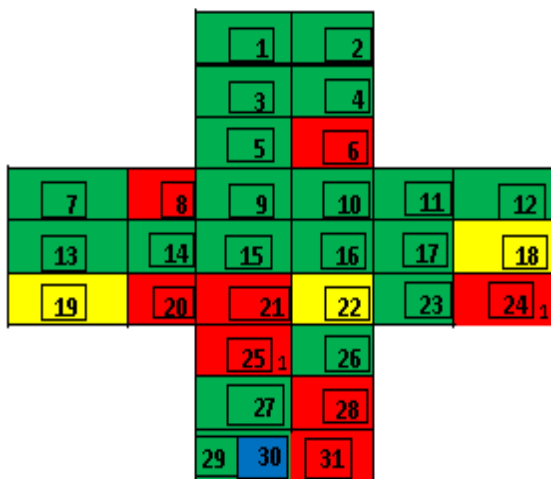
## Recording Your Pressure Ulcer Data

Data should be recorded on a daily bases using the Pressure Ulcer Safety Cross.

What are the key points to remember when using the safety cross:

- One box should be coloured daily. Simplicity is the key to the effectiveness of the safety cross.
- Record all newly acquired pressure ulcers regardless of their grade
- Ensure that all staff is aware of the safety cross and know how to complete it.
- The safety cross should be visible and placed in an area where staff will see it and serve as a visual reminder of their performance (during huddles, shift handover etc.,)
- Use the safety cross as a focal point in staff huddles or meetings etc., for communicating with staff “how are we doing?”
- Ideally you want to care for patients in a way that you reduce the number of red boxes
- If everybody supports high quality care for patients, the number of red boxes should be reduced and as the programme spread across the organisation the number of blue (internal transfer where patient is transferred with a pressure ulcer from another area/unit) will reduce too.
- This data should only be used for improvement not judgement. Be honest with your data and you can make informed effective decisions to improve.

### Patient Safety Cross worked Sample:



Colour	Code
Green	No new case
Red	New PU case identified
Blue	Transferred with pressure ulcer within the same hospital (e.g. transfer from one ward to another).
Yellow	Admitted with PU from outside e.g. own home, care home other hospital