

Development of a Community Dermatology Service

A new community dermatology service is being developed for patients needing treatment for common skin conditions. The service aims to deliver a high quality, accessible and patient centered community dermatology service for all adults with common dermatological conditions.

Why does the service need to change?

Skin conditions are the most frequent reason for people to consult with their GP for a new problem. Around 24% of the population in England and Wales visited their GP with a skin problem in 2006 with the most common reasons being skin infections and eczema. Not everybody needs to go to hospital. There are a number of conditions that can now be managed by a dermatology service in the community.

What are the benefits for patients?

- Improved quality and effectiveness of services for people with a dermatological condition
- Provision of equitable access for all patients
- Services Closer to Home, reducing the need to travel
- Increased patient choice
- Reduced visits to secondary care
- Personalised care with a prevention management service
- Provision of education and advice for all new diagnosed or treated patients on the management of their condition

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Your Views

Your views are important to us, by telling us about your experience of treatment of your skin condition it can help inform the development of the community dermatology service.

Q1. I think the introduction of a community drop in service will bring about improvements in the care that I receive from this service.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree/Disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Q2. Please explain your answer