

## Practice Service Briefing

### Ipswich Hospital Dermatology Screening Clinic

**Starts 1 April 2017**

<p><b>What is it?</b></p> <p>Ipswich Hospital has been piloting screening clinics for patients with skin lesions, where aggressive skin cancer is not suspected (i.e. NOT the two week wait lesions). The pilots have proved very successful and as such they will be replacing the current teledermatology service with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017.</p> <p>Patients with a SINGLE skin lesion who are mobile and able to attend the clinic without a carer are eligible for the screening clinic.</p> <p>At the clinic patients are seen by a senior dermatology nurse and have an assessment of their lesion by the Consultant. The consultant sees up to 100 patients in a single morning session. Patients may be discharged from the clinic or listed for a biopsy, referred to plastics or their referral up graded to a two week wait referral.</p> <p>The teledermatology referral form has been withdrawn and all patients, with the exception of two week wait referrals, should be referred using the dermatology referral form which has been reviewed to reflect the new arrangements.</p>
<p><b>What is NOT included?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients with suspected melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma (i.e. two week wait patients) should be referred using the two week wait process.</li> <li>• Patients with multiple lesions.</li> <li>• Patients who are not mobile and / or not able to attend without a carer.</li> <li>• Patients with inflammatory skin disease for e.g. rash of unknown cause, psoriasis, eczema or acne.</li> <li>• Paediatric patients.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What is included – the scope of the service?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin lesions requiring dermatology opinion regarding diagnosis and management</li> </ul>
<p><b>How does it work?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer using the dermatology referral form to e-Referral Advice Letter Listing-CAS - Dermatology-Ipswich Hospital</li> <li>• Please indicate on the referral form whether the patient is suitable for the screening clinic.</li> <li>• If patients are not eligible for the screening clinic please refer using the same form and process indicating they are not suitable for the screening clinic and they will be sent a standard dermatology appointment.</li> <li>• Please ensure patients are informed of the nature of this referral (they will be seen by a member of the dermatology clinic and will only have a brief Consultation with the dermatologist).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Start date</b></p> <p>The new process will start 1 April 2017</p>
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