

Dermatology

Context

- Within Doncaster, almost all Dermatology outpatient activity is currently provided in the Acute Hospital setting.
- Much of this activity has the potential to be delivered in a community setting, subject to the appropriate skills being available within that setting.
- There are a range of options and clinicians that could provide aspects of dermatology within the community setting.

Project Description (Scope)

Change in delivery setting from Acute to Community

- The aim is to move activity from the Acute Hospital setting to a community setting where it is safe to do so.
- This could be via a range of models, including acute or community care led
- The following cohorts have already been identified:
 - ‘Definite Benign Skin Lesions with distressing symptoms’
 - ‘Definite Premalignant/Early Malignant Skin Lesion/Low Risk BCC’
- The above list is not limited and it is envisaged that the scope will expand over time in relation to skin as a wider service offer, to include wound care and Tissue Viability

Diagnostics usage

- The aim is to maximise appropriate use of a range of supporting diagnostic options such as TELEDerm
- Consider developing Doncaster “in-house” provision

Case for Implementation

- Patients will be able to access services more locally with less travel and less waiting time
- Referrals to secondary care would reduce, enabling secondary care to focus on the more specialist roles required.
- A diagnostic tool similar to TELEDerm could further release efficiencies
- Maximise value for money for each “Doncaster pound” spent

Key Stakeholders

- CCG
- DBTHFT
- Mole Clinic (TELEDerm)
- Primary Care Doncaster
- RDaSH

Expected Benefits

- Care closer to home for the patient
- Rationalised cost and financial parity for the services in scope
- Reduction in the external costs of TELEDerm as service brought ‘in-house’
- Up-skilling of Primary Care
- Achievement of National RTT targets

Assumptions/ Exclusions

- This area is commissioned by CCG only and is defined by the following services:
 - Outpatient Attendances at DBTHFT
 - Outpatient Procedures at DBTHFT
 - Inpatient activity DBTHFT
 - Excluded Drugs
 - TELEDerm at the Mole Clinic
 - Primary Care LES & DES
- Expansion of scope to include all providers:
 - Wound care
 - Tissue viability

KPI/ Outcomes

- Reducing overall costs of Dermatology
- Increase use of diagnostics to reduce f2f consultations e.g. Approximately 70% of TELEDerm referrals are not escalated.
- Reducing referrals to secondary care
- Achievement of 2 week waits for dermatology
- Achievement of RTT targets for dermatology
- All services to be delivered in line with locally adopted clinical guidelines inc. “commissioning for value”