

Lesion Photo Clinics (LPC)

Introduction

Our new innovative Lesion Photo Clinics will primarily address patients waiting for treatment for Basal Cell Carcinomas (both high and low risk) through delivering lesion clinical services. Patients are referred to our Lesion Photo Clinics by their GP or a Dermatologist for an assessment of their skin lesion(s).

In order for us to ensure our patients receive the most appropriate care, our Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioners (LPCP) will record templated history on SystemOne and take images of the lesion(s). Following this, our team of Consultant Dermatologists assess the lesion history and photographs to determine the next steps in the patient's treatment pathway.

Please note, Lesion Photo Clinic Practitioners are not doctors; they are trained only to record templated history and take appropriate lesion photographs for our Dermatologists to review remotely.

Benefits of Lesion Photo Clinics

- Prevents unsuitable referrals being sent to secondary care
- Provides additional capacity to deliver Dermatology services
- Reduces current waiting times and access to specialist care
- Relieves pressures by providing direct access and advice to primary care clinicians
- Increases overall patients' satisfaction
- Harness new technology, in particular tele-dermatology, digital referral platforms, and the use of remote consultations to reduce the need for unnecessary hospital attendances

Service Exclusions

This service is not considered clinically appropriate for patients who have or are suspected to have suspicious skin lesions falling under the 2WW pathway (e.g., MM and SCC). The following patients are **unsuitable** to be seen via the Lesion Photo Clinics pathway:

- Children under 16 years of age
- Lesion(s) on the genital area
- Rashes
- Bed bound and home care patients