

FOI REF: 23/879

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. Do you have a current Teledermatology service?

Yes, restricted to an ICB commissioned service with access only for GPs with special interest delivering the community dermatology service.

2. Do you use the service for skin conditions and lesions (please percentage for each)?

Routine and urgent only. We do not capture telederm referral by routine and urgent.

3. What type of lens are you using: macroscopic or dermatoscopic (please name the equipment(s))?

Dermatoscopic.

4. Who is taking these images? (GPs / primary care or secondary care professionals)?

GPs with specialist interest only.

5. Is there a restriction on the number of lesions taken per consultation and if so how many?

No.

6. What Teledermatology image sharing platform(s) are you using?

System 1.

7. What Teledermatology service model do you use:

3rd party provider– under ICB contract into secondary care.

8. What percentage of patients are managed in primary care?

We do not hold this information.

9. What is the split for 1st dermatology appointments Face to Face, Non-Face to Face?

Face to Face	66.7%
Remote	33.3%

10. What is the turnaround time for reporting?

Patients appointed into outpatient appointments based on clinical urgency.

11. What is the percentage of patients on the 2 Week Wait (2WW) suspected skin cancer pathway are rejected and referred back to primary care with “advice and guidance” in your area, per locality? (for 2022-2023; or if not available, for 2021- 2022)

2 Week Wait patients are all seen.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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