



## Service Highlights

- Specialist Consultations
- Skin Cancer Surgery
- Eczema, Psoriasis & Acne Treatments
- Biopsies & Skin Lesion Diagnosis
- Photodynamic Therapy
- Skin Prick & Patch Testing for Allergies

## Service Overview

Sussex Community Dermatology Service (SCDS) is a community-based service for patients with skin problems.



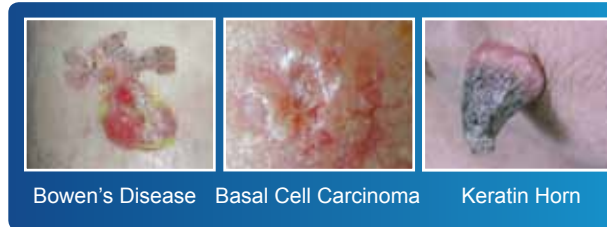
The aim of the service is to improve patient access to specialists and to reduce hospital waiting lists by seeing patients with a wide-range of skin problems for diagnosis and treatment in a community setting within six weeks of their referral.

The specialist team is supported by Consultant Dermatologists, General Practitioners with a Specialist Interest in Dermatology (GPwSI's), Maxillofacial & Plastic Surgeons, and Dermatology Nurses.

We can accept referrals from any General Practitioner or healthcare professional. Our referral guidelines and further information about the service can be found on our website. Upon receipt of your referral we will be able to book you an appointment to see a specialist at one of our 14 community clinics in a location close to your home.

## Skin Lesions & Skin Cancer

We specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of skin lesions. This includes seeing benign lumps & bumps, cysts, moles, sun-damage, changing skin lesions and skin cancer. Please be aware that the treatment of cosmetic skin lesions is not available on the NHS.



The specialist team provides an extensive range of surgical and non-surgical therapies for early pre-cancerous sun-damage (Solar Keratoses / Bowen's Disease) and skin cancer (Basal Cell Carcinoma).

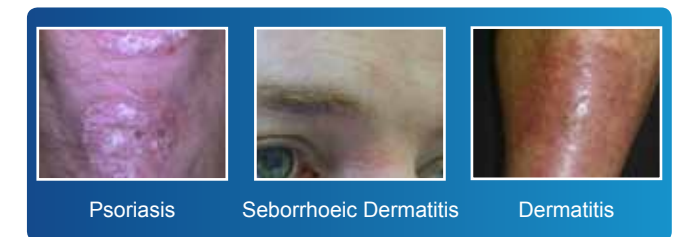
Our team of expert Consultant Dermatologists and Maxillofacial surgeons can successfully treat 95% of patients within a community setting. In some cases however it may be necessary to refer you on to a local hospital for treatment or surgery. Where possible, we will also provide treatment on the same day of your clinic appointment (depending on the complexity of the procedure).



## Skin Rashes

Our specialist doctors and nurses are all trained to recognise and treat a wide-range of skin diseases and skin rashes. This includes diagnosis and treatment for both rare and common skin disorders (e.g. acne, psoriasis and eczema).

The majority of skin rashes and skin lesions can usually be diagnosed following an expert examination of your skin and an evaluation of the symptoms that you are experiencing. For further diagnosis, we can also provide access to specialist tests across our clinic sites to investigate the underlying cause of skin problems. This includes allergy patch testing, skin-prick tests, skin biopsies and minor surgical procedures.



## Reasons to get a referral...

- Max 6-week wait for appointments (typically 3-4)
- Same day surgery or within 1-6 weeks
- Large clinical capacity at 14 community locations
- Large clinical team of specialists:  
4 Consultant Dermatologists, 2 Maxillofacial / Plastic Surgeons and 25 Specialist GPwSI Doctors
- We receive over 12,000 referrals each year and treat over 1,000 patients for skin cancer
- High patient satisfaction levels with our service