

NHS

Quicker skin cancer diagnosis on the Isle of Wight

An NHS compliant digital platform and mobile app avoids the need to wait for an outpatient appointment, enabling fast and secure diagnosis for patients with suspected skin cancer. This technology was implemented and evaluated by Wessex AHSN.

NHS Compliant

Remote dermatology

Provided by:

DERMICUS

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All

Primary care practices on the Isle of Wight



Less than 1 day

Average waiting time between GP visit and diagnosis



63%

Estimated reduction in future outpatient appointments



92%

Patients found the new pathway for suspected skin cancer diagnosis "excellent" and "quick" and were reassured by the ease, simplicity and speed of diagnosis.

CASE EXAMPLE

An unconcerned patient attended their GP with an irritating mole on their shoulder. A positive diagnosis for skin cancer was received within a week allowing for prompt treatment.

"Without it [remote dermatology], all those patients would have to come to see face-to-face a consultant dermatologist, but he doesn't have to do that. He sees them [the suspected mole] remotely. He says what he wants us to do We see a lot more patients because of it. We're able to get a lot more people through the clinic each week"

Dermatology Clinical Nurse Specialist

"You don't need to be seen by a doctor.

A nurse practitioner can do just as well
as a doctor"

Dermatology Consultant

"If it looks horrible and nasty on eConsult, you already know that you're going to be doing a Dermicus (dermatoscope)"

GP

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Read the full report here with information on how Dermicus was implemented in practice