

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-749

Request:

1. Do you have a current Teledermatology service?
2. Do you use the service for skin conditions and lesions (please percentage for each)?
3. What type of lens are you using: macroscopic or dermatoscopic (please name the equipment(s))?
4. Is there a restriction on the number of lesions per consultation and if so how many?
5. What teledermatology image sharing platform(s) are you using?
6. What Teledermatology service model do you use:
 - a. NHS provider led
 - b. 3rd party provider
 - c. Other
7. What percentage of patients are managed in primary care?
8. What is the split for 1st dermatology appointments Face to Face, Non-Face to Face?
9. What is the turnaround time for reporting?
10. Using the NHS e-Referral Service (e-RS). Can you please confirm the following:
 - a. volume of advice and guidance requests per GP/referrer
 - b. percentage of advice and guidance requests where further information is requested by provider
 - c. percentage of advice and guidance requests where 'referral only' is recommended
 - d. percentage of advice and guidance requests referred to same speciality within a defined window - 3 months or 6 months for example
 - e. percentage of advice and guidance requests which have been converted to a referral
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)

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Yes
2. Lesions (100%)
3. Dermatoscopic. DermLite DL4
4. There is no restriction
5. Open Medical
6. NHS provider led
7. 53.5% have been discharged back to their GP (13% needing GP follow up, 40.5% no treatment).
8. All appointments are face to face

9. Following the community-based appointment, reporting is completed within a maximum of seven days
10.
 - a. Maximum is five
 - b. Children 10% and Adults 19.39%
 - c. Children 5% and Adults 12.24%
 - d. Information not
 - e. Children 10% and Adults 15.31%
11. 2ww referrals are not rejected back to the GPs

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 19 DECMEBER 2023)