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## How to contact us

Our service operates Monday - Friday between 8.30am - 5pm from the following four clinics:

- Greenway Community Clinic, Southmead, Bristol
- Lawrence Hill Health Centre, Lawrence Hill, Bristol
- William Budd Health Centre, Knowle, Bristol
- Cossham, Kingswood, Bristol

### Our administration base is:

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# Dermatology Service Referrer Guide





## Our Dermatology service can provide patients with:

- Diagnosis of a skin condition
- Support, education and treatment planning for people with chronic skin diseases

We cover all areas of Bristol, and we operate from three different clinics so that patients can choose where they would like to be treated.

We have two GP's with a special interest in dermatology who are able to diagnose skin conditions such as rashes and lesions, and perform some forms of skin surgery. We can treat some lesions and prescribe treatment for chronic skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis.

We also have a small team of trained dermatology nurses who run clinics for patients with diagnosed skin conditions. Within these clinics our nurses can help plan care and treatment regimes and provide emotional support to patients as well as supporting self care strategies for patients.

Our nursing team can visit housebound patients at home to support with their treatment. We can also arrange joint visits involving GP



## Referring a patient

Referrals can be made by any health care professional including GPs, health visitors, community nurses, practice nurses and podiatrists. Referrals should be made using the NHS Choose and Book system or by faxing the referral form.

## Dermatology referral criteria:

### Nurses:

- Emotional support for patients
- Treatment planning for patients with chronic **and diagnosed** skin conditions (eczema and psoriasis)
- Ability to arrange joint home visits between GP practice nurses and the community health team nurses
- Ability to prescribe for initial chronic conditions

### Doctors:

- Diagnosis and management of skin conditions
- Skin surgery and diagnostic biopsies
- Initiation and follow-up of second line therapies for chronic dermatoses
- Training and education

### Exclusion criteria:

- Acne and patients likely to require Roaccutane acne treatment
- Pigmented lesions
- Warts and verrucas (we can give advice, see if required/needed)
- Fast growing lesion on lower legs
- Skin cancers that fall under secondary care as per IOG