



National Dermatology Programme

Quality and Clinical Care Directorate

Overarching Programme Aim

Significantly reduce the waiting lists for Dermatology services and introduce standardised care

Programme Aims

1. Quality

- Facilitate self management and primary care management of patients with skin problems as appropriate
- To provide a range of other highly specialist skills in tertiary centres
- Increase OPD capacity
 - Improve productivity by ensuring availability of key resources (availability of clinics, nurses, secretarial staff)
 - E-health/telehealth
 - Nurse led clinics for chronic skin disease
 - Critical consultant appointments

2. Access

- Remove waiting list back log
- Standardised referral to dermatology services with refusal to see low priority cases
- Improvement management of return patients - Proactive discharge policy

3. Cost

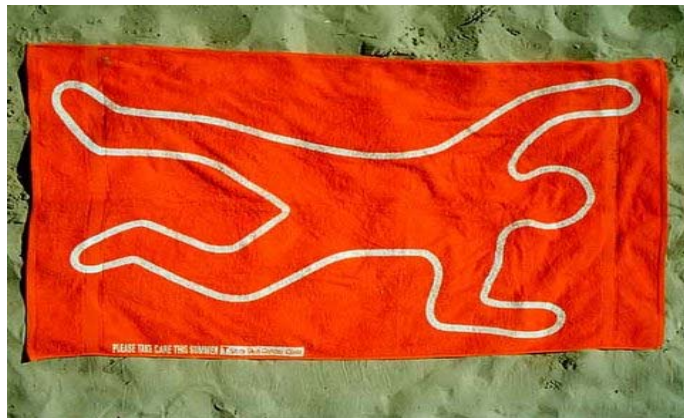
- Rheumatology programme cost savings in Anti-TNF also benefit Dermatology
- Reduce DNA's
- Reduce No of new GP referrals



Photo: The Skin Cancer Foundation

Programme Benefits

- The removal of waiting list 'backlog'
- Prevention of the accumulation of future long waiting lists
- The introduction of a standard pathway for a patient that includes referral management and an active discharge policy.
- The ability to meet the NCCP guidelines and HIQA standards for skin cancer.
- The removal of consultant dermatologists working in isolation in a single handed unit.
- Increased clinical governance through the introduction of both clinical outcome and activity measures.



•Skin Cancer Awareness Campaign 2009

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