

Tele-dermatology Functional Block Diagram for query cancer
Note that for East Staffordshire there is no separate tier 3 service and existing non-cancer skin pathways will remain as now.

Patient contacts
practice and identifies
skin lesion

Note that for small
cohort of patients,
attending a site for
imaging will not be
feasible and these will
continue to be referred
directly via 2ww
pathway as now.

Patient seen in practice

GP suspects
malignancy?
(melanoma, SCC
or critical site
BCC)

N

GP suspects
patient meets
criteria for tier 3 /
benign
dermatology
service?

N

Complete urgent skin
cancer imaging request
(Must include all prerequisite
information for onward referral to
acute after imaging)

Refer to existing
Tier 3 / benign
Dermatology
Service

Treat in primary
care, monitor or
advise OTC
medication / self
care

Teledermatology provider to
contact patient to arrange urgent
imaging appointment.

Appointment made at clinic
location within agreed timescale.

Images collected including
dermatoscopy images if clinically
appropriate

Urgent Cancer Referral (2ww)
and images sent to agreed acute
provider based on GP selection.

Patient seen and Treated by Tier 3 / benign
dermatology provider.

Acute provider refers back to Tier 3
dermatology provider (or as current
benign pathway).
Cancer pathway ends

Patient treated in line
with current skin cancer
pathways.

Acute provider
excludes risk of
cancer

Images and Referral Clinically Triage
by acute provider skin cancer team.

