

# The evaluation of a primary care based dermatology service

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

## Study website

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/PrimaryHealthCare/research.htm>

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## Secondary identifying numbers

SDO/34/2002

# Study information

## Scientific Title

## Study objectives

To compare the effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, accessibility and acceptability of a Primary Care Dermatology Service. This service is an example of the model, promoted in the NHS Plan, of services provided by GPs with special interests (GPSIs) to other GPs across a PCT area.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration.

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

GP practice

## Study type(s)

Quality of life

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Non-urgent skin problems

## Interventions

The Bristol primary care dermatology service is staffed by two GPs with Special Interests (GPSIs) and a specialist nurse, and operates from a suburban health centre. It provides care for patients registered with the 29 general practices in one primary care trust. Both GPSIs have postgraduate training and experience in dermatology. All patients see a GPSI initially but may be followed up by a GPSI or the specialist nurse, or may be referred to hospital outpatient care if necessary. The control arm received care from the hospital outpatient dermatology clinic as usual.

The main study using a revised protocol applied to all patients recruited from 01/09/2002; all patients recruited before this were in the pilot study.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

1. Disease-related quality of life assessed using the dermatology life quality index (DLQI) and a single-item measure of improvement
2. Improved patient-perceived access, assessed using a new scale

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Patient satisfaction with consultation (Consultation Satisfaction Questionnaire) and with facilities (new scale)
2. Preference for site of care
3. Proportion of failed appointments
4. Waiting times to first appointment

**Overall study start date**

01/02/2002

**Completion date**

30/04/2005

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

Adult patients referred to a hospital dermatology clinic assessed on the basis of the referral letter to be potentially suitable for GPSI management. Suitable patients had non-urgent problems with a provisional diagnosis.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

544 (363 primary care arm; 181 hospital arm)

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Children aged less than 16 years
2. Urgent skin problems
3. Patients where the referral letter indicated that the referrer specifically requested hospital management or the patient clearly needed hospital facilities

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2002

**Date of final enrolment**

30/04/2005

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

England

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Government

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02wnqcb97>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Government

**Funder Name**

NHS Service Delivery and Organisation Programme (SDO) (UK) (ref: SDO/34/2002)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

| Output type                     | Details | Date created | Date added | Peer reviewed? | Patient-facing? |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Results article</a> | Results | 17/12/2005   |            | Yes            | No              |