Department Information

Dermatology Department
The Work of the Department

The Dermatology service at Yeovil Hospital covers South East Somerset, and some of North Dorset given the geographical position of Yeovil.

The Team
There are two Consultant Dermatologists currently in post.

Dr Felicity Edwards 0.8 WTE (YDH)

Dr Rachel Wachsmuth 0.4WTE (YDH). Dr Wachsmuth is a visiting consultant, based at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

There are two experienced Specialty Doctors at YDH who work alongside the consultants, with their own clinic lists.

Dr Bridget Wadsworth 0.3WTE
Dr Martyn Richards 0.5WTE

There are 3 nurse specialists based at Yeovil.

Mihaela Savu (Lead Dermatology Nurse Specialist, Skin Cancer)
Amanda Beaton (Dermatology Nurse Specialist, Inflammatory Skin Disease)
Ivona Ramoiu (Dermatology Nurse Specialist, Skin Cancer and Inflammatory Skin Disease)

The Work of the Dermatology Department
Around 6,500 patients attend the dermatology department in East Somerset each year. Outpatient clinics are planned to run with 20 minutes for a new patient and 15 minutes for a follow up patient, as per the Royal College of Physicians guidelines.

We see over 800 two week wait patients in East Somerset. Over 1600 day case surgical interventions are performed each year.
The department operates a MDT for the management of skin cancer for Somerset in close cooperation with our colleagues in Pathology, Clinical and Medical Oncology, Maxillo-facial surgery and Plastic surgery. This is a well-supported and busy weekly MDT. Yeovil Hospital has video conferencing facilities for a twice monthly SSMDT with Musgrove Park Hospital, which proves particularly valuable to link with our medical and clinical Oncology services at Musgrove Park Hospital.

Dermatology surgery and Plastic Surgery is undertaken in the Day Theatre facilities at Yeovil Hospital and the Yeatman Hospital in North Dorset. More complex plastic surgery procedures such as sentinel node biopsy are undertaken at Exeter. A new Day Theatre centre is planned at the Yeovil Hospital site for 2019.

Narrowband UVB facilities are available at Yeovil Hospital, The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne and Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Oral and local PUVA is available at Musgrove Park Hospital. Patch testing is available at both Yeovil and Musgrove Park Hospitals. Photodynamic therapy is available at Musgrove Park Hospital.

There is a monthly Combined Clinic at Musgrove Park Hospital to enable review and discussion of complex cases with other consultant colleagues. There is also the opportunity to review complex histopathology cases at this meeting. We have close links with colleagues in the rest of Somerset, Devon and Cornwall.

The post holder will have the opportunity to attend the regional Devon and Cornwall meetings which occur approximately monthly. Yeovil Hospital Dermatology Department is affiliated to the Peninsula regional Skin Cancer Group. Yeovil District Hospital has links with other acute Trusts at Taunton, Dorchester and the Royal Devon and Exeter Trust.

Visiting Consultant Plastic Surgeons from Exeter attend Yeovil Hospital twice weekly to hold outpatient clinics and surgical operating lists, and form part of the weekly Skin Cancer MDT at Yeovil Hospital.
Medical and clinical oncology care for dermatology patients is provided by Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

Visiting consultants provide ENT, oral surgery, oncology, neurology, and GU medicine services. Thoracic surgery is provided by visiting consultants from Bristol. The regional neurosurgical and the adult burns centre is at Southmead Hospital (North Bristol) and cardiothoracic surgery is at University Hospitals Bristol. The burns unit for children (under 16 years) is at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. Cutaneous lymphoma cases are referred to the Skin Lymphoma MDT at University Hospitals Bristol. Patients with sarcoma are referred to the Sarcoma MDT at the Royal Devon and Exeter Trust.