

Local SKIN MDT EOE Cancer Alliance BLMK ICS

Operational Policy

Agreement Cover Sheet

Position:	Lead Clinician for MDT:
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Position:	Trust Lead Clinician for MDT Leadership
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AGREEMENT: The Lead Clinician and MDT on behalf of the MDT, hereby provide a consensus agreement to the content of this document. VERSION NUMBER:

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<u>Introduction</u>	modouro	Introduction The Luton and Dunstable University Hospital (L&D) Local MDT is part of the East of England Cancer Alliance south and BLMK ICS. Skin Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) have been developed to deliver cancer services in accordance with the NICE Improving Outcomes Guidance for People with Skin Tumours including Melanoma (NICE 2006). The L&D Local Multidisciplinary Team (LMDTs) covers the secondary care of patients who are classed as care levels 2, 3 and 4 (please refer to appendix 1 for details of care levels for skin, as determined by NICE). This document outlines how the operational arrangements by which the L&D Skin LMDT service is provided.	See appendix 1
Purpose of MDT		 Purpose of LMDT The L&D Skin LMDT aims to provide first class diagnosis, treatment and support for its catchment patients (care levels 2-4) throughout their cancer pathway. The L&D Skin LMDT strives to achieve this through implementing the IOG, adhering to NCG clinical guidelines/operational policies patient pathway and monitoring implementation and impact through participating in network agreed audits. The L&D Skin LMDT is committed to developing and maintaining effective working relationships with primary care and their CCG. This is achieved by: Ensuring any future designated GP's with an extended role (GPwER) in skin cancer are regularly attending meetings (as stated as a requirement in the clinical guidelines for primary care) Maintaining good communication loops with primary care Reporting to their CCGs at a minimum annually (in the annual report) on the LMDTs activities which includes information on action taken when non-GPwER are found to be excising skin cancers. 	See appendix 2,3 & 4 patients pathway See appendix 8 East of England Strategic Cancer Network clinical guidelines
		The LMDT Lead Clinician (Chair) Consultant Dermatologist / Skin Cancer Lead	

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Leadership arrangements and responsibilities	Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust The LMDT Deputy Lead Clinician Consultant Plastic Surgeon and Deputy LMDT Lead Clinician Luton and Dunstable NHD Foundation Trust	
	 The Responsibilities of the LMDT Lead Clinician To ensure designated specialists work effectively together in teams such that decisions regarding all aspects of diagnosis, treatment and care of individual patients and decisions regarding the team's operational policies are multidisciplinary decisions. To ensure care is given according to recognised guidelines (including guidelines for onward referrals) with appropriate information being collected to inform clinical decision-making and to support clinical governance/audit. To ensure mechanisms are in place to support entry of eligible patients into clinical trials, subject to patients giving fully informed consent. To have overall responsibility for ensuring LMDT meetings meet Quality Surveillance Measures. To ensure core members (or their specified cover) attend at least two thirds of the number of meetings (Please note – the exception to this rule are GP with Specialist Interest, refer to the clinical guidelines for primary care). To ensure that a target of 100% of cases with melanoma, squamous carcinoma and rarer tumours (see appendix 1) being discussed at the LMDT is met. To lead on (or nominate lead for) service improvement. To ensure that at loce histopathology members of the LMDT are taking part in the national specialist Dermatopathology External Quality Assessment (EQA), compliance to which is detailed in the annual report to the PCT. To ensure that at least one (and preferably all) future core nurse members have successfully completed a programme of study in their specialist area of nursing practice, which has been accredited for at least 20 credits at first degree level or equivalent 	

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<u>Core</u> <u>Membership</u>		Core LMDT Membership	and Cover Arrangements		
and cover arrangements		Role Dermatologist	Core Team MemberConsultant Dermatologist & Skin Cancer LeadLuton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation TrustConsultant Dermatologist Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Cover All core consultant dermatologists cover each other	See annual report for % LMDT attendance
		Dermatologist			

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		Surgeon	Consultant Plastic Surgeon, (available Wednesday pm @ Luton) Deputy LMDT Lead Clinician Luton and Dunstable NHS Foundation Trust Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust	Consultant Plastic Surgeon (available Friday am @ Luton) Royal Free Hospital Pond Street, London NW3 2QG	
		Surgeon	Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
		Histopathologist	Consultant Histopathologist Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Consultant Histopathologist Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
		Nurses	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Lead Dermatology Nurse Arndale House Luton Lu1 2LJ	
		Clinical Radiologist Oncologist	Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	Secretary Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	

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			Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust per responsible for recruitment to clinica ber who has specific responsibility for u	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust I trials sers' issues and information for patients	
Communication with primary care		management has been di	nail notification within 24 hours of wh	en the skin cancer diagnosis and ment plan has been agreed. This is	see Appendix 7 GP notification template.
Extended Members of MDT	Members of MDT				
		Role Palliativ		eam member	

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			Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Tel: 01582 718423 Palliative Care Consultant Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
		Consultant Oculoplastic Surgeon	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
		Clinical psychologist	North West Thomas Designal Constinue Somias	
		Clinical geneticist	North West Thames Regional Genetics Service Kennedy-Galton Centre, Level 8 V, North West London Hospitals, Harrow, HA1 3UJ Hemel Hempstead General Hospital, Hillfield Road, Hemel Hempstead. Herts. HP2 4AD Melanoma genetics	
		Occupational therapist	Occupational Therapy department Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Tel. 01582 497048	
		Person agreed as contact point for orthotics service	Orthotics Department Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	

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		Physiotherapist	Physiotherapy Department Luton and Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Tel. 01582 497350	
		Dereen agreed as contact point for	Lymphoedema Nurse Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
		Medical oncologist	Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	
			Consultant in Medical Oncology Melanoma and Early Phase Trials University College London Hospital and Mount Vernon Cancer Centre	

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		Clinical Trials Practitioner	Research Nurse East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust Clock Tower Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Rickmansworth Road Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN <u>www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk</u>	
		Radiologist	Consultant Radiologist Luton & Dunstable University Hospital Foundation Trust	
		GPWeR in skin surgery	Sundon Park Medical Centre 142-144 Sundon Park Road Luton Bedfordshire LU3 3AH	
		Patient Pathway Co-ordinators	Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Tel: 01582 497162	
		Please note: Extended team members hav used as a contact/reference point by the co	re no obligation to attend the LMDT, however will be re members as necessary.	
<u>CNS and Key</u> <u>Worker Role</u>		CNS: Nangisai Rungwandi Luton & Dunstable University Hospital NHS	Foundation Trust	
			er will be defined as "The person who, with the patient's co-ordinating the patient's care and promoting	

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		continuity, ensuring the patient knows who to access for information and advice (NICE Guidance 2004). The skin CNS, Nangisai Rungwandi, fulfils the role of Key Worker	
		Identification of the key worker The identification of the key worker will be the responsibility of the designated core nurse member, and must be documented in patient notes. It is important to ensure that the patient and carer understand the role of key worker as early as possible in the patient's pathway.	
		It is recognised that the key worker will change over time as the patient's needs change during their journey.	
		 Responsibilities of the CNS To contribute to the multidisciplinary discussion and patient assessment/care planning decision of the team at their regular meetings To provide expert nursing advice and support to other health professionals in the nurse's specialist area of practice involvement in clinical audit; To lead on patient and carer communication issues and co-ordination of the patient pathway for patients referred to the team - acting as the key worker or responsible for nominating the key worker for the patient's dealings with the team. To ensure that results of patients' holistic needs assessment are taken into account in the decision making To contribute to the management of the service To utilise research in the nurse's specialist area of practice. Nangisai Rungwandi is the clinical core member who has completed level 2 psychological assessment skills training Caseload supervision is provided by a level 3 or 4 psychology practitioner. Level two practitioners attend monthly. CNS has enrolled in Foundation in Cancer Course 	
		 Main responsibilities With agreement of the patient, the key worker will: act as the main contact person for the patient and carer at a specific point in the pathway offer support, advice, and provide information for patients and carers ensure continuity of care along patient pathway and that all relevant plans are communicated to those members of the MDT involved in that patient's care 	

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		 ensures that patients and carers have their contact details, that these details are documented and available to all professionals involved in that patient's care ensures that when handover of key worker role is indicated, it is implemented in full consultation with the patient and carer, and revised contact details given ensure next key worker has appropriate information supports patients in identifying their needs with holistic assessment, review as required, and co-ordinate care accordingly liaise and facilitate communication between patient, carer, and appropriate healthcare professionals, and vice versa empower patients, as appropriate 	
MDT Meeting		The L&D Skin LMDT has treatment planning meetings and meets every second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of the month from 13.30 until 14.30 in the Videoconference Suite, COMET centre at L&D & Dermatology Department at Arndale House (from June 2018). Core members will attend at least two thirds of MDT meetings ensuring the LMDT is quorate. Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy is not provided locally, patients receive treatment at the Cancer Centre Mount Vernon.	
		 The MDT should agree and record individual patient's treatment plans. The record should include: the identity of patient's discussed; the multidisciplinary treatment planning decision (i.e.to which modality(s) of treatment – surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy or supportive care of combinations of the same, that are to be referred for consideration); Confirmation that the holistic needs have been taken into account. If any patient needs discussion before the next LMDT meeting, the relevant core members will be emailed or phoned and a consensus on the best management will be reached. The patient will be added to the next LMDT for retrospective discussion Patients discussed at the LMDT Meeting The following cases will be discussed:	Examples of treatment plans are available
		 I ne following cases will be discussed: squamous carcinoma Malignant melanoma – new, single primary, adult, non-metastatic, not for approved trial entry, 	

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	Measure	 up to and including stage IIa (must fulfil all of these criteria) Radiotherapy if attendance by clinical oncologist at LMDT Lesion where diagnosis is uncertain but may be malignant Incompatible clinical and histological findings All patients Health needs assessment are taken into account in decision making process, the concerns check list is used by the CNS as the tool for Holistic Needs Assessment. The LMDT does not discuss low risk basal cell carcinomas (BCCs). It does discuss high risk BCCs if there are questions about the management of the patient. Other high risk BCCs, as defined by the Cancer Network, are listed on the MDT proforma but not discussed routinely. The pathology of patients with skin cancers is inter departmentally reviewed prior to the initial report being verified. For cases of particular difficulty further expert opinion is sought from the Department Of Dermatopathology, St Johns Institute of Dermatology, St Thomas' Hospital Westminster and for sarcoma from the pathology department at the UCL NHS Trust. The LMDT is the only LMDT managing care level 2, 3 and 4 skin cancer patients in the locality. When appropriate, patients from South Bedfordshire will be referred to the SSMDT hosted by the Lister Hospital on Friday morning according to the criteria in Appendix 1 Levels of care 4, 5 & 6. The deadline for referral to the following Friday's SSMDT is Wednesday 1pm. It is the individual clinician responsible for the patients to make sure that all relevant information is provided to the 	See appendix 6
		Local MDT coordinator to send to the SSMDT coordinator. The LMDT agree the MVCN referral guidelines between named teams Referral to the SSMDT The SSMDT runs every Friday at 8.30 am at the Lister Hospital. Core members from the LMDT videoconference. Referrals are made by the MDT coordinator who enters the patients details on to the SSMDT template and sends to the SSMDT coordinator by 12 noon the previous Wednesday • Patients with high-risk SCC's that pose difficulty in management • Patients newly diagnosed with MM stage 2B or higher (American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging system)	

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	 Patients with MM stage 2c or above who are eligible for oncology clinical trials that have been approved at cancer network level Any patient with metastatic MM or SCC diagnosed at presentation or on follow-up Patients with infiltrative BCC's whom may need complex surgery Patients with malignant skin lesions of uncertain pathological diagnosis Patients with rare skin cancers, including sarcoma Patients needing nodal dissection including sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB) – these patients should be seen and referred by the LMDT Patients who may benefit from radiotherapy, if not available at the LMDT Patients who may be eligible for entry into other clinical trials Atypical Spitz Naevi Spitz naevi are melanocytic naevi, usually acquired and uncommon beyond the 5 th decade of life. Typical lesions with characteristic histology can be regarded as a benign entity, atthough full excision is recommended. Spitzoid melanocytic lesions can be challenging clinically and histologically. Histopathological diagnosis is current gold standard. The use of genetic testing of the tumour tissue, such as FISH (to detect patterns of genomic copy number variation) and the detection of driver mutations (BRAF, NRAS and HRAS) increases the histopathologists ability to categorise atypical spitzoid melanocytic lesions, but the usefulness of these tests in determining prognosis is unclear. Current NICE guidelines recommends: Discuss all suspected atypical spitzoid lesions at the SSMDT Make the diagnosis of a spitzoid lesion of uncertain malignant potential on the basis of the histology, clinical features and behaviour. Manage a spitzoid lesion of uncertain malignant potential on the basis of the histology, clinical features and behaviour. 	

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		The decision made at the SSMDT will be sent back to the MDT coordinator and to all Members of the LMDT and SSMDT team via secure NHS net emails. Attendance of core LMDT members will be recorded.	
		The LMDT has agreed draft referral guidelines with Luton and Bedfordshire CCGs for :	
		Management of Patients with Skin Cancer and Pre-Cancer in Primary Care	
		The LMDT has agreed the following guidelines	See appendix 8 For NCG Clinical
		 Network imaging guidelines for skin cancer Network pathology guidelines for skin cancer 	Guidelines and referral pathway to SMDT
		The L&D Skin LMDT will hold an annual business meeting to discuss the following	
		 Peer review documents Policies and procedures CWT targets and performance National survey results COSD data 	
		In addition the L&D Skin LMDT will hold a bi-annual educational/audit meeting where the results of the network skin cancer audit are discussed The minutes of the meetings Will be available on request and held by the LMDT Lead Clinician. This may coincide with the educational meetings.	see appendix 12 for minutes of meeting
		Patients Listed for the LMDT meeting	
		 Cases to be discussed at the LMDT will be compiled by the LMDT Coordinator and circulated to all members in advance. All members are responsible for identifying patients to be discussed and notifying the LMDT Coordinator of patients to be added to the list. They are also responsible for providing all relevant information for discussion and data collection. The majority of patients discussed are picked up by the LMDT co-ordinator from positive histology received from the Histopathology department. The Responsibilities of the LMDT Coordinator 	

Role Team member MDT Co-ordinator (Core)	Category	Link to Measure		Compliance Guidance		Additional Information
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		Rectal Melanoma	Skin LMDT	Colorectal LMDT	
		SCC (oral mucosa)	Skin LMDT	Head and Neck SMDT L&D	
		T cell Lymphoma	Skin LMDT	Lymphoma SMDT St Johns Institute of Dermatology	
		B cell Lymphoma	Skin LMDT	Haematology	
		Penile melanoma / SCC	Skin LMDT	Urology LMDT	
		Vulval melanoma / SCC	Skin LMDT	Gynae Oncology LMDT	
		For patients discussed at the Skin Telephone conversation with appro- <u>LMDT Referral Pathways & Guidan</u> Cases should be referred no late meeting. The LMDT list will be (provisional) and Tuesday afternood • Referrals are made via email, p The LMDT receives referrals from presentation. Further specific net NCG The LMDT will audit urgent (2 we information to referring GPs and suspected cancer GP referrals in	opriate consultant. <u>nce</u> er than 3 pm on Tuesday for t e distributed by the LMDT Co- on.(Final) ohone or post to the LMDT Co-or n other primary care and Consu twork guidelines are being deve eek wait) and non-urgent referral d PCTs on the appropriateness	he following Wednesday LMDT bordinator on Friday afternoon dinator. Itant staff, depending on patient loped and will be agreed at the s on an annual basis to provide and timeliness of urgent and	

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		detailed in the annual report and discussed at the annual meeting.	
		 LMDT Decision and Documentation The LMDT discussion will determine the possible treatment options for each new patient. The chair will ensure that an action plan is formulated by consensus agreement and that the action plan is recorded in the patient medical notes at the time of the discussion by the LMDT lead or deputy. A completed LMDT Action Plan will include the following details: Patient identity Clinical history Diagnosis, including primary site of the cancer Action plan and treatment plan Identification of the key worker and Principal Clinician The name of the SMDT to which the patient is referred to, if applicable. Patients with Level 5 SCC will be discussed in the Head and Neck SMDT at L&D, patients with T cell lymphoma will be referred to the SMDT at St John's Institute of Dermatology, patients with Level 5 melanoma and Merkel cell tumour will be referred to Paul Nathan at the MVCN, Patients with soft tissue sarcoma will be referred to the SMDT at the UCH NHS Trust. 	
		notes, Dr De Silva or any member of the MDT can also telephone Paul Nathan, Medical Oncologist regarding a patient's suitability for a trial. If suitable a referral letter is typed and emailed immediately. This will be coordinated and recorded on the SSMDT outcome proforma	See appendix 5 For SMDT outcome proforma

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Patient Information		Local and national patient information is made available dependent upon patient need. The use of British Association of Dermatologists leaflets; Melanoma focus and Cancer research UK	
		 leaflets & Macmillan booklets, will be distributed in the clinics and all patients will have skin cancer information pack offered at diagnosis. This will be individually tailored according to patient needs. This includes; Information specific to that MDT about local provision of the services offering the treatment for that cancer site Information about patient involvement groups and patient self-help groups Information about the services offering psychological, social and spiritual/cultural support if available Information specific to the MDT's cancer site or group of cancers about the disease and its treatment options including names and functions/roles of the team treating them Information about services available to support the effects of living with cancer and dealing with its emotional effects 	Available to view
		Patient information prescriptions have been implemented with packs available on Melanoma, SCC BCC and other rarer Skin Cancers. All prepared for the individual patient in mind.	
		Luton and Dunstable Hospital uses the Language Line Interpreting and Translation Service, which Provides 24 hour telephone access to trained interpreters. The hospital pays for this service and there is no cost to patients. Patients who need an interpreter should contact the ward / out-patient department in advance of their visit to book the service they need.	** from 30/11/18 DA Languages (new contract) Online portal

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Patient and Carer Feedback and Involvement	<u>Communication with Patients</u> All new patients that are diagnosed with skin cancer are seen in clinics in Luton and Dunstable Hospital, or Dermatology Department at Arndale House, following the LMDT meeting, which is where they will have their treatment options explained. Where different treatment options exist, the consultant members of the LMDT responsible for the relevant treatment modalities will see the patient & will be supported in making a treatment decision with the clinical team either at that appointment or on a subsequent visit if appropriate.	
	 All patients will be asked if they wish to have a permanent record or summary of a consultation at which the discussion of treatment options takes place. This information includes as a minimum: Diagnosis Treatment options and plan Relevant follow-up arrangements An individually tailored letter will be provided if the patient wishes to have one 	Anonymised copies are available
	 The points below are discussed with the patients by a Consultant Diagnostic Procedures. The disease and treatment options. Treatment specific information leaflets, including information on outcomes and post treatment symptoms. Members and contact details of the Multidisciplinary Team. Support group and local services information and contact details. Psychological and spiritual guidance, information and contact details. Key worker name and contact. User feedback and patient experience of this service is gained by taking part in National Patient Survey. As there were very few Skin Cancer patients included in the National Survey in 2018, we are 	
	planning to carry out our own local survey over this year . <u>Outpatient clinics</u> Additional Rapid access clinic / follow up clinics also in operation with Locum Dermatologists all supervised by core members of the LMDT team, on a rota system	

Surgical services			As well as these clinics we also have follow up
Type of surgery	Trust	Surgeons	across all Specialities
Radiotherapy and Che All patients presenting detailed below.	• •	nave access to radiotherapy and chemotherapy as	
Table Radiotherapy a	nd Chemotherapy		
RT/Chemo	Trust	Clinicians present	
Dedicthermore	Mount Vernon Hospital	Consultant Oncologist	
Radiotherapy	Mount venion nospital		
Chemotherapy	Mount Vernon Hospital	Consultant Medical Oncologist	
Chemotherapy Patients have access Comprehensive radiotherapy	Mount Vernon Hospital to: radiotherapy service, includi	Consultant Medical Oncologist	

	Locality Specialist Palliative Care Teams	
	Locality specialist out-patient palliative treatments	
	Inpatient Areas	
	All patients requiring inpatient care will be referred to an appropriate care setting.	
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	Surgical Wards	
	At L&D, patients referred for surgical procedures to the maxillofacial department who require inpatient care when not on HDU and ITU will be nursed on the head and neck ward.	
	All microvascular free flaps are performed by the Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeons and and sourcesting; both consultants are trained in harvesting free flaps and carrying out microvascular anastomosis.	
	• It is our routine practice for both maxillofacial consultants to operate together on patients who require free flap reconstruction.	
	• Both Book and the second second will be available to monitor the flaps post-operatively and carry out salvage in cases of failure. This arrangement is in place for a minimum of one week after operation.	
	• Theatre space will be made available at any time for the return of patient to theatre if necessary. There are three microvascular instrument sets available in theatre. Operating microscope is being used regularly and both surgeons are provided with operating loupes as backup if the microscope is non-functional.	
	• All patients who had free flap reconstructions will be monitored in intensive care unit for a minimum of 24 hours.	
	 Both sector bases of the been to conferences and courses in microvascular flap courses to update skills and knowledge regularly. Both consultants provide training in free flap harvesting and microvascular techniques to two Specialist Registrars in Maxillofacial Surgery at L&D. 	
	• For patients who do not require free flap reconstruction after ablative surgery, for example, by using pedicled flap, the above arrangements still apply whereby one surgeon performs the	

resection and the other will perform the reconstruction.

Patients under the care of the plastic surgery team who require in patient care will be admitted to Ward 8 North at the Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust under the supervision of **Sectors** and his dedicated team. This is for complex plastic surgery procedures and sentinel node biopsies. Simple local anaesthetic procedures are done L&D. Skin Oncology

In-patients at L&D are nursed with oncology input dependant on individual patients needs. They will be visited by **Example 1** as required.

Follow Up

The Skin Surgical Team at L&D will take responsibility for the patients until discharge and patients will be booked into the relevant clinic at Luton and Dunstable Hospital for post-operative review after discharge.

Immediate Post-operative Follow Up

All designated clinicians are LMDT members and therefore all patients receive FU by members of the LMDT. Patients will receive immediate post-operative FU at L&D. The Skin Surgical Team at L&D have a 24/7 consultant highlight on-call rotation for general and post-operative surgical advice. A consultant surgeon is always available, should patients have any post operative problems, via an on-call rota.

Emergency care and ITU

Patients would be admitted to ITU/HDU if deemed necessary by the team and anaesthetist. The criteria for patient admission to ITU are life threatening skin infections, organ failure/ multi system failure. Patients in ITU are reviewed on a daily basis by the Skin Surgical Team.

Long Term Follow Up

All patients will receive follow up by members of the LMDT in the clinics at L&D. Patients with SCC and melanoma are followed up according to the BAD guidelines and individual needs of the patient. Ongoing follow up is tailored to individual needs, taking into account patient choice, but at the discretion of the LMDT.

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		See appendix 4 For Plastic Surgery pathway to Royal Free
<u>Relationship</u> with NSSG	The LMDT is represented at Cancer Alliance meetings by the skin cancer lead and/or other members of the team. The LMDT will engage with NICE and BAD in the development of clinical guidelines. The LMDT will participate in the annual network audit, as agreed by the LMDT.	See appendix 13 For NCG attendance

	The LMDT will engage with the Mount Vernon to recruit to the approved list of clinical trials.	See appendix 9 For audit
<u>Joint Treatment</u> <u>Planning for</u> <u>Teenagers &</u> <u>Young Adults</u> (TYA)	 For each patient discussed within the TYA age group, the MDT agrees to refer and communicate with the appropriate TYA MDT the following; The MDT treatment plan decision ie proposed treatment modality The named consultant in charge of each modality and the named person in charge of organising arrangements for the age appropriate support and care environment including those where the treatment is delivered outside the PTC 	
	For those in the age range 19-24 years the MDT will record the choice of treatment location made by the patient, and if it is a TYA facility	