**CPO – Skin Lesions Service Specifications**

The Contractor shall supply the following services (together referred to herein as the “Services”) in accordance with the specifications set out:

1. Undertake surgery to remove medium complexity skin lesions under local anaesthetic in a timely manner;
2. Service users will pay for the initial appointment with their General Practitioner (GP), but once referred will not have to pay again for the removal of the lesion or follow up removal of sutures and discussion of pathology;
3. There will be no claw-back charged by the service user’s GP when they see an accredited GP;
4. The triage of referrals to the service is to be carried out by the appointed senior clinician on the basis of completed detailed referrals combined with good quality clinical photographs and/or punch biopsy results. Punch biopsies will only be performed when necessary as it is clinically more appropriate to excise the lesion directly to confirm already suspected histology;
5. Refer patients with lesions needing more complex surgery to secondary or tertiary services;
6. To ensure funding is appropriately allocated to provide the most efficient service provision;
7. Access for service users is by referral received though the triage process;
8. Patient will be seen within 28 days of the referral being received in general practice;
9. Patient will have a follow up appointment within 14 days of removal of skin lesion;
10. Discharge notes will be provided to the patient's GP on completion of the service;

1. The service user will exit the service within fourteen days of the identified skin lesion being excised - this includes removal of the sutures and discussion of pathology results by the accredited GP.