

## **URGENT ACTION REQUIRED – Referrals to WSHFT Dermatology Service at Chichester (St Richards)**

The CCG has been advised that due to an unplanned short notice reduction in consultant resource, WSHFT are currently unable to meet the demand from primary care for Community Dermatology Services at the St Richard's and Bognor Hospital sites. The Trust have therefore advised that **“There is no option but to stop all GPs referrals to the SRH Community Dermatology Service with immediate effect”**.

All referrals for SCC and MM under the 2 week rule may continue to be made in the usual way.

In summary:

- 1. Refer all urgent/routine referrals (incl all suspected BCCs) to Community Services** - Sussex Community Dermatology Services (**any site**) or WSHFT (**Worthing or Southlands sites only**)
- 2. Refer all dermatology 2 week rule referrals to secondary care acute services** (this includes WSHFT St Richards and Worthing hospitals)
- 3. Continue to direct patients to A&E or MAU for emergency cases**

The above arrangements will be in place until further notice.