

# Why should dermatology be a priority for STPs and healthcare professionals?



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## Welcome to the Nottingham Support Group for Carers of Children with Eczema



A collaboration between dermatology experts from The University of Nottingham, NHS and carers of children with eczema, the Nottingham Support Group for Carers of Children with Eczema provides support and information for families touched by eczema, mainly through web-based

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From Kenneth G. Frank's "The Danger of 'We've Always Done It This Way'"





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## **Lessons from this:**

- Patients will seek and need support
- Google health can be very dangerous
- One size does not fit all
- Shared decision making and addressing patients'/carers' concerns are important
- Untreated eczema can be horrendous
- Continuity of care and a relationship with HCP helps



## **Why should dermatology be a priority?**

- Huge workload managed mainly in primary care (13m GP consultations pa)
- The recent NHS England non-prescribing consultation covered 33 conditions and nearly half of those were dermatology ones.
- There are 200 dermatologist vacancies and each year BAD has to give support to around 50 dermatology departments



## Service pitfalls

- Fragmentation of services and unintended consequences of market forces eg Circle
- Waiting times multiplication: wait to see GP, then GPwER, then Dermatologist
- Impact of 2 week window impacts on standard waiting times



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## **Bear in mind:**

- Disengagement
- Dermatology is not an easy target
- QoL not always linked to severity
- Continuity needed for chronic skin conditions
- Involve patients meaningfully in all aspects
- Clear pathways
- Evidential training



