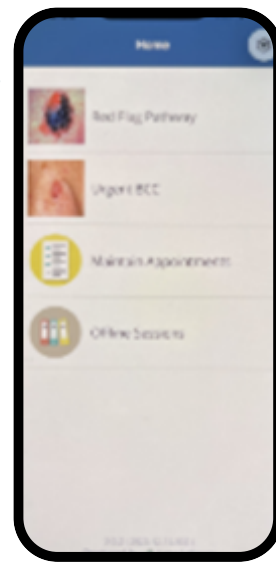




BULLETIN

iPhone 16e Rollout – Key Information for Practices

- Practices should now have received their iPhone 16e. If you have not yet received your device, please contact the Photo Triage Team.
- To ensure safe and effective use, please keep the device fully charged, stored securely, and handle with care.
- Install all iOS updates when prompted to do so.
- Assign a designated staff member to take responsibility for the device.
- The iPhone comes with a 1-year warranty (from activation) covering hardware faults and manufacturing defects only. This does not cover accidental or liquid damage, general wear and tear, software issues, or theft.
- All equipment remains the property of SPPG. Practices may be charged for replacement where loss or damage results from misuse, negligence, or theft.
- If you experience any issues, please contact the Photo Triage Team immediately for advice and reporting.



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REMINDER



Dermatology Photo Triage Contract Variation 26/27

There is still time to sign up for the 2026/2027 NILES.

Practices are encouraged to submit their Contract Variation form as soon as possible, as late returns may result in delayed payments.

The **Contract Variation** form is available at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gZUdmMfvzm>

Also available on the Primary Care Intranet.

Checking for and Enabling iOS Updates



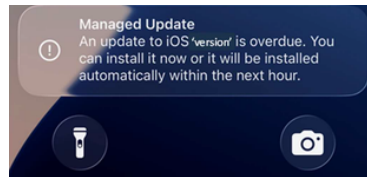
iOS updates should be completed promptly to maintain device security.

iOS updates occur every 4–8 weeks and install automatically.

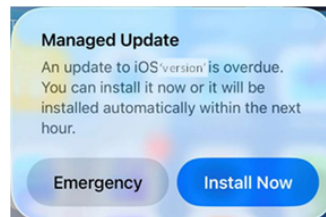
Ensure the iPhone is on Wi-Fi, sufficiently charged, and connected to power during the update.

The update takes around 30 minutes, during which the device will restart and display a success notification when complete.

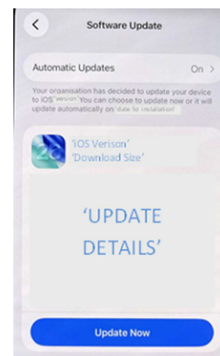
Afterward, stay on Wi-Fi for at least 8 hours or turn the phone on the next day to allow system syncing.



Update availability will appear as a notification on the lock screen.



Unlock the device and select “Install Now” at the Managed Update prompt.



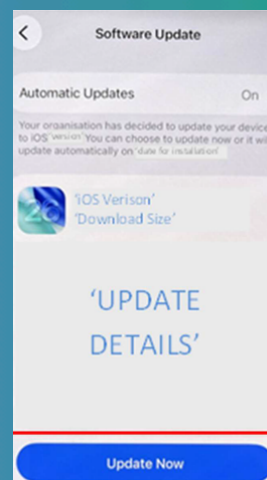
The Software Update window will then open to display the details of the update, select Update Now.

How to Complete Manual Updates

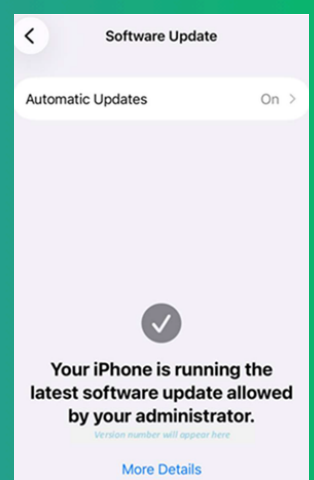
Select ‘Setting’-> ‘General’-> ‘Software Update’. If the ‘iPhone is up-to-date’ it will state this, no further action is needed. Otherwise select ‘Download and install’.



Updates pending
Select Update
Now



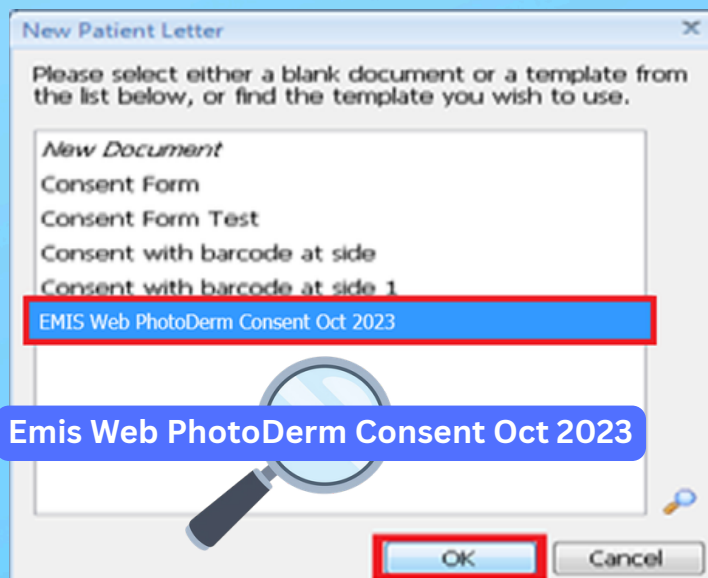
Device up-to-date
No further action
required



or

How to locate your Photo Derm patient consent letter

If the patient consent letter is not visible in the 'New Patient Letter' window, please use the magnifying glass icon to search for "EMIS Web PhotoDerm Consent Oct 2023."



Emis Web PhotoDerm Consent Oct 2023

Location of consent letter on K: drive



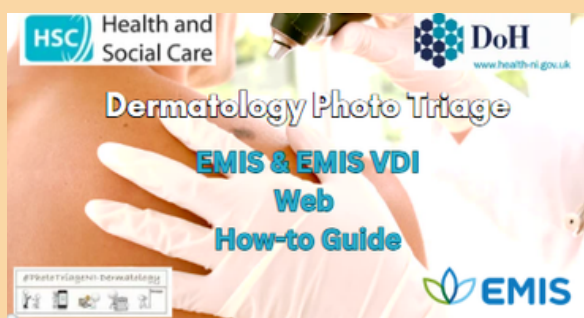
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Location of guidance to import consent letter on K: drive



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2025\Guides.

For Emis VDI practices, the template may need to be imported from the K: drive as indicated above. A guide can also be located in the K: drive to support this process. Please note, older versions of the consent letter will no longer be compatible.



Link for new training resource

[https://vimeo.com/heal
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emis?share=copy](https://vimeo.com/heal thandsocialcareni/der mpt-referralguide-for-emis?share=copy)

As many of you have recently migrated from Vision to EMIS VDI Web, we have created a short training video to support you with the changes to the pathway. The video provides a step-by-step guide for Emis and Emis VDI users, covering all elements of the pathway. Please pause at any point to review the content.

Special thanks to Matthew Greer, BSO ITS Team and Dr John Diamond, GP Clinical Lead for their valuable input.



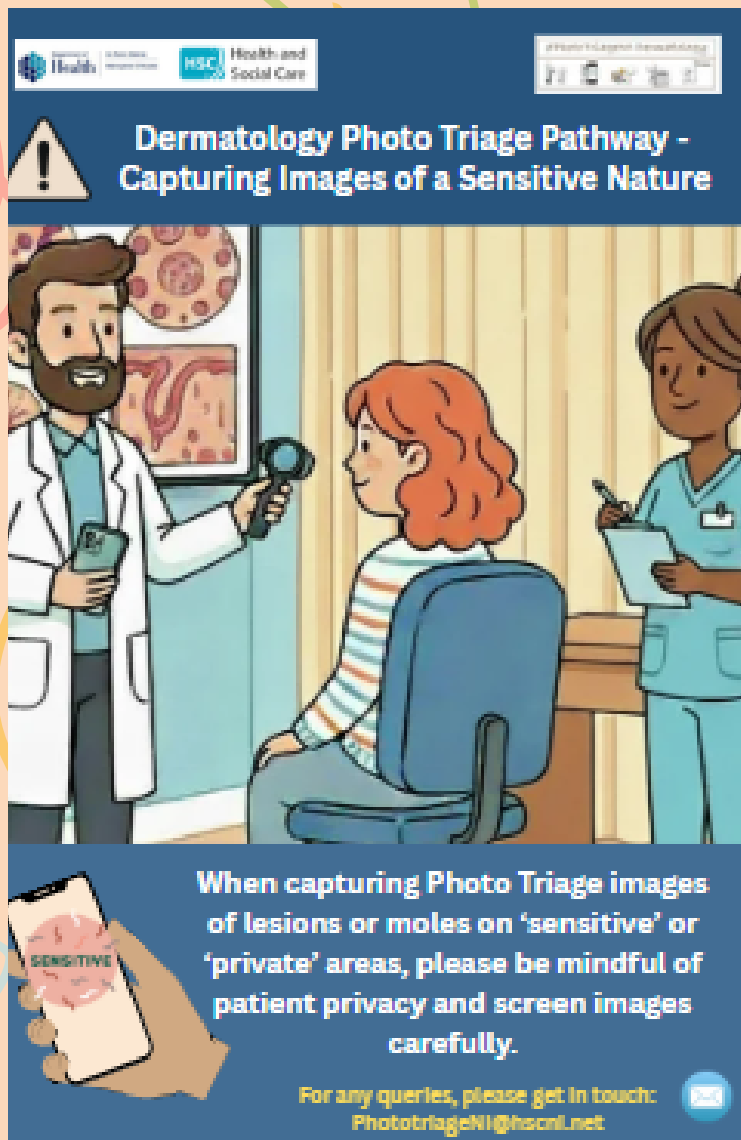
Emis VDI Update of Phased Migration

All remaining Vision sites are on track to be fully migrated to EMIS by end of June 2026, marking the successful completion of this major transformation.

Planning is also underway for Phase 3, transitioning EMIS on-premises sites to VDI this Autumn 2026.

This milestone represents a significant step towards a fully standardised system landscape and supports future improvements.

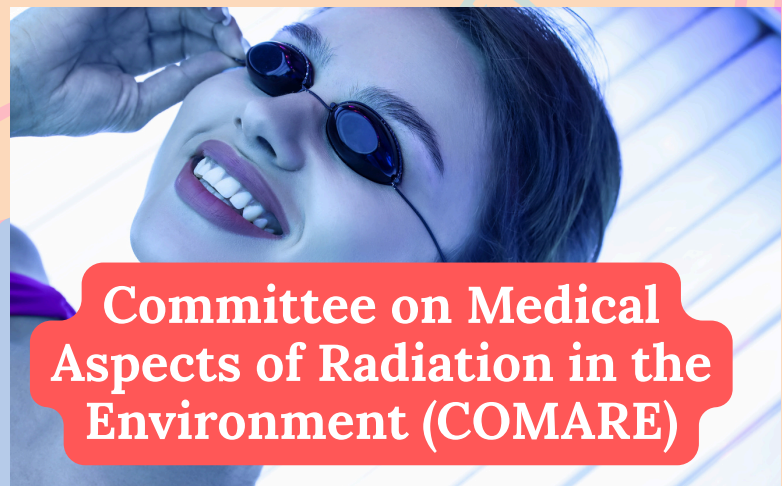
Congratulations to the BSO IT Team for their work on the ground in delivering such a huge task.



**Dermatology Photo Triage Pathway -
Capturing Images of a Sensitive Nature**

When capturing Photo Triage images of lesions or moles on 'sensitive' or 'private' areas, please be mindful of patient privacy and screen images carefully.

For any queries, please get in touch:
PhototriageNI@hscni.net



Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE)

A new COMARE report on the health effects of sunbeds highlights clear evidence of harm from artificial tanning and recommends that the UK Government consider further protective measures, including potential regulation. While not calling for an outright ban, the report notes that a ban on commercial sunbed use could save lives but would raise wider policy considerations. Report available on GOV.UK Webpage.



Any questions or comments, get in touch:
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The Melanoma Focus “Know Your Skin and Nails” leaflet provides clear, easy-to-understand guidance to help individuals recognise early signs of melanoma. It raises awareness of changes to look out for, encourages regular self-checks, and supports earlier detection—helping to improve outcomes and empower people to take an active role in monitoring their skin health. Leaflet available at <https://melanomafocus.org/leaflet-library/>

Know your Skin and Nails

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Melanoma is now the 5th most common form of cancer in the UK. Knowing your own skin can help aid early detection of melanoma.

Melanoma Focus recommends:

- Once a month check your skin and nails
- Use a mirror, ruler, camera, notepad and if necessary a 'skin buddy' to check those hard-to-see areas
- Use our template to record the location, appearance and dimensions of each mole or skin lesion (patch, spot, lump or any other abnormal area of skin)
- The hand and foot template can also be used to monitor any changes in nail streaks
- Take photos of your moles and any new lesions and note the dates

and remember...

...to check under your arms, breasts, between your fingers and toes, soles of your feet, palms of your hands, behind your ears and your scalp



70% of melanomas arise from new marks or lesions streaks

Record Your Spots

Make notes of your spots below so you can regularly track changes.

Date	Mole #	Asymmetry	Border	Colour	Diameter	Evolving
E.g. July '23	1	symmetrical	regular	pink	5mm	no change

Additional charts are available to print online.

Signs to watch out for:

If you see any of your moles or lesions exhibiting the following, see your GP:

Asymmetry: two halves differ in shape

Border: edges irregular or jagged

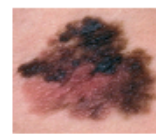
Colour: uneven/patchy; shades of black, white, grey, brown or pink; two or more colours = suspicious

Diameter: for most melanomas, at least 6mm

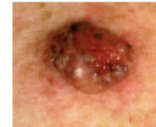
Evolving: changing in size, shape or colour

Funny: if it looks odd, or you aren't happy about it for any reason

86% of melanoma cases are preventable



Superficial spreading melanomas are the most common form of melanoma in the UK. But melanomas can look quite different and may appear anywhere, including the scalp, hands/feet and genital area.



Nodular melanomas are often black and/or red and usually appear on previously normal skin. They can quickly spread downwards through the layers of the skin and are most often found on the upper body.



Acral lentiginous melanomas are rare and form on the palms, soles of feet, under the fingernails and toenails as well as around the nails. It is the most common type of melanoma in people with black or brown skin, but can occur in any skin colour.



On the palms or soles of the feet, acral lentiginous melanoma may be noticed by changes to a spot or mole. It could be an irregularly shaped growth, that changes or is a different colour or present as a raised patch of thicker skin.

For information on rare melanomas such as uveal melanoma or mucosal melanoma, please see our website and additional literature.

If in doubt, check it out!

- Is it new/changed?
- Is it not going away?
- Does it look odd?

If you are worried or have a question about melanoma please ring the

Melanoma Helpline on 0808 801 0777

Calls are free and confidential

Melanoma Focus is a national charity, commissioning and funding research into the treatment and causes of melanoma, while providing support and information for patients, carers and professionals. To find out more about our work, please visit [melanomafocus.org](https://www.melanomafocus.org)

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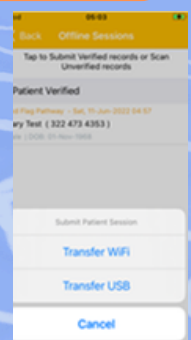
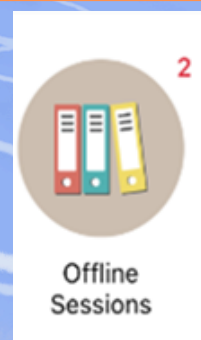
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Patient Information Forum

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Having trouble transferring your images?

- If both Wi-Fi and USB transfers fail, we suggest you save the images immediately in the 'Offline Sessions' folder to avoid losing them and immediately raise a vFire to report the issue.
- To save a session, tap the Floppy Disk icon in the 'Offline Sessions' menu. Please remember to transfer these images as soon as issue is resolved.
- Regularly check the 'Offline Sessions' folder for historic images to ensure patients are not missed.
- Remember unsaved active sessions will be lost if the iPhone is turned off or updated, or if the battery goes flat.



REPORT

WORKING IN THE SUN IN AGRICULTURE



Every workplace has **health risks**

Find out how to reduce them

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*The **hse** has issued a leaflet on working safely outdoors in the sun, which is particularly relevant at this time of year for those such as farmers and gardeners. The leaflet provides practical advice on how to avoid sunburn and reduce the risk of skin damage.*

*Further information and copies are available from **hse***

For more information please contact:

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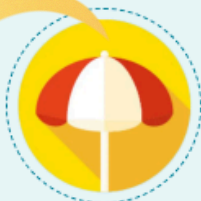


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How to take care in the sun



Shade

Spend time in the shade and avoid being outdoors from 11am to 3pm, when UV radiation is highest.



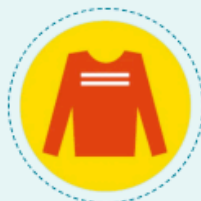
Hats

Help to protect common sites of skin cancers such as the neck, forehead, face, nose and ears. Always wear sunscreen.



Sunscreen

Sunscreen alone will not protect us completely from sun damage but is useful for protecting the parts we can't shade or cover.



Clothing

Choose lightweight fabrics and dark colours. Long sleeves, collars, trousers or long skirts give greater protection.



Sunglasses

Eyes are vulnerable to damage from UV rays. Over long periods, this can result in more serious damage to the eyes, such as cataracts and cancer.



Sun Protection

Visit **Care in the Sun** to learn more about ways to enjoy the sun safely including protecting children, sunscreen SPF, and how to choose the right sunglasses.