

PE1682/E

NHS Borders submission of 26 July 2019

Thank you for your letter dated 11 July regarding the above petition.

Patients are referred from their GP in primary care into Dermatology in secondary care. The patients are then assessed as Outpatients, diagnosed and appropriately managed in line with The European S1 guideline for the treatment of hidradenitis suppurative / acne inversa (Zouboulis CC, Desai N, Emtestam L et al, *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2015 Apr;29(4):619-44).

NHS Borders would support the petition's call for a specialist unit to be established within Scotland, finding the number of cases of hidradenitis suppurativa within Scotland to be appropriate.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.