Pharmacological treatment options for patients with Actinic Keratosis in Norfolk & Waveney

Primary Care initiation

Actinic Keratosis diagnosed
(Squamous Cell Carcinoma *excluded*)

Hyperkeratotic Actinic Keratosis?

Yes → Consider *Actikerall®* (5-FU & Salicylic Acid solution) Max. 12 weeks' use. See SPC

No → **Affected area: Trunk** / **Affected area: Face & Scalp**

5-Fluorouracil 5% Cream
Initial treatment course usually 3-4 weeks but can be longer. Healing may not be complete until one to two months after treatment is stopped. Can be used for field treatment up to 500cm². Use may be repeated for a 2nd cycle where the lesion has responded but has not cleared. See SPC.

Skin Formulary options for Primary Care initiation

NNUH AK Primary Care Treatment Algorithm

If the above options are ineffective consider referral for Specialist review

Options for Secondary Care to recommend to Primary Care

Imiquimod 3.75% (*Zyclara®*) or 5% Cream (*Aldara®* or *Bascellex®*)
Apply max. one sachet 3 times/week for 4 weeks; leave on skin for approx. 8 hours. Assess effect 4 weeks after treatment period ends. If lesions persist, treatment can be repeated for another 4 weeks. Maximum recommended treatment duration is 8 weeks. See SPCs.