



British Association of Dermatologists summary to Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health

1. A minimum national framework of dermatology nationally commissioned would help to avoid disadvantaging people with skin disease. Otherwise care will be fragmented.
2. Health and Wellbeing Boards should include expert advice from local dermatologists when dealing with skin disease.
3. HAWB should liaise with specialist societies (eg the British Association of Dermatologists) early to get expert advice to resolve disputes locally.
4. The patient voice should be heard when dealing with commissioning issues, monitoring of services and dealing with complaints.
5. There is a danger that poor communication between competing providers will harm patient care. Providers may hide behind data protection laws to protect their competitive advantage and avoid requirements for integrated healthcare.