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Dermatology Screening Day

On Saturday the 16th April the Gibraltar Health Authority will be holding its annual skin cancer screening day at the Primary Care Centre.

This event, now in its third consecutive year, provides a unique opportunity for the public to have any notable skin changes checked out by the Dermatology team and with both of the visiting consultant dermatologists, who are available for confirmation of diagnostics on the day.

Skin cancer screening days are held in many different countries on an annual basis and this initiative continues to be supported by the Minister for Health, the Hon Dr John Cortes, to help raise awareness of skin cancer due to sun exposure. Screening days also serve as a platform to increase public education.

The screening day marks the launch of the annual Sun Awareness campaign, which is also aimed at raising public awareness on the dangers of over exposure whilst re-enforcing the measures that can be taken to ensure maximum protection.

In Gibraltar we already have a substantial number of skin cancers that are managed by the dermatology department and the surgeons in the hospital, and it is imperative that we do all we can to reduce future incidences. The importance of protecting ourselves from sun exposure cannot be over emphasized.

On Saturday 16th of April concerned members of the public should come to the Primary Care Centre via the main entrance between 9am and 11.30am and 2pm and 4.30pm where they can have these changes examined by a professional. No appointment is required.

This initiative is aimed at looking at significant skin changes which could indicate skin cancer. It is not for examination of chronic skin conditions.