

FOI_0440_21/22 – FOI request concerning - Data on Triage Effectiveness for Musculoskeletal Disorders

Please confirm if you are able to provide any data regarding the cost and effectiveness of physiotherapy triage for musculoskeletal disorders. This could be in the form of the below:

- a) cost of the triage service to the CCG/Trust
- b) who runs the triage service i.e. private firm or NHS group
- c) number of patients referred for triage
- d) average time taken from primary care referral to being triaged
- e) percentage of these patients who eventually get referred to secondary care (and how long it took for this decision to be made)
- f) number of X-rays and MRI scans done
- g) Any information regarding the set-up of the triage service e.g. are patients seen by a specialist MSK or sports doctor, or is it all specialist physio led?

With regards to the time scale, we are interested in data pre-covid and post-covid. Therefore, this would be 1st Sept 2018- 1st Sept 2019 and 1st March 2020 - 1st March 2021.

Please find the information in attached spreadsheet. This triage service is delivered by Specialist Physiotherapists and Podiatrists in Solent NHS Trust.



