



All-Party Parliamentary Group for  
**Axial Spondyloarthritis**

1. On behalf of which ICS are you responding?

NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

2. Does your ICS have a local inflammatory back pain pathway in place?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/ not sure

3. Please provide details of your local IBP pathway if it is not publicly available.

AS is part of the back pain pathway, there is not a specific separate AS pathway. AS is written into the back pain pathway as a red flag. Our Rheumatology referral form highlights inflammatory back pain as urgent.

4. Do you have a local education programme for primary care practitioners including GPs and First Contact Practitioners?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/not sure

Please give details.

FCP training/development programme in place. Not specifically for this but training covers all conditions.

5. Are patients able to be referred into secondary care by first contact practitioners and/or community services?

- Yes, both can refer
- Yes, only first contact practitioners
- Yes, only community
- No, patients must be referred by their GP

6. What is the time from primary care referral to an appointment with rheumatology?

This depends on the clinical scenario as outlined in the GP referral letter. Can vary from 3 months (if clinically urgent) to 9 months (if the history of back pain is very long standing)

7. Has your ICS developed a plan for how it will meet the needs of local axial SpA patients? Please select the most appropriate option below.

- Yes – we have developed a standalone plan for axial SpA
- Yes – axial SpA is incorporated within a specific local musculoskeletal ICS plan
- Yes – axial SpA is incorporated within a general ICS planning document
- No – axial SpA is not incorporated within a local planning document
- Don't know / not sure

8. If yes, please can you provide further details of the specific axial SpA components included within this plan including the appointment of an MSK Transformation Lead?

This will form part of a review that will be undertaken as part of our ICS MSK transformation workstream.