

FOI Request: Treatments for Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis

Our Reference Number: 1314339

Section 1: Rheumatoid arthritis in your area

1. Please confirm whether there is a lead for rheumatoid arthritis in your area. Please provide the name of the person responsible.

Dr Krishna Chaturvedi and Dr Aidan Irlam are joint leads for MSK.

2. Please confirm whether your organisation has a strategy in place to manage rheumatoid arthritis in your area. Please provide a copy of this strategy.

We do not have a specific strategy in place for rheumatoid arthritis, but do have an active MSK clinical network, who are currently reviewing all MSK services.

Section 2: Prevalence of rheumatoid arthritis in your area

3. How many people are living with rheumatoid arthritis in your CCG area?

We do not hold this information. We are only able to provide figures in relation to patients that have been treated in hospital, not all diagnosed patients.

This information should be available either from NHS England, commissioner of primary care services, or directly from GP practices. Information on how to submit a FOI request to NHS England is available here, www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/

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4. How many people in the CCG area were diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 12/13 and 13/14?

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5. How many patients in the CCG area have received treatment for rheumatoid arthritis in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

Number of Inpatient Admissions for patients recorded with a diagnosis of Arthritis

2012/13 – 1,560

2013/14 – 1,013

Section 3: Patient access to care

6. Has the CCG commissioned a multidisciplinary team for rheumatoid arthritis patients?

a. If not, please explain why.

The CCGs have not commissioned a multidisciplinary team for rheumatoid arthritis, however, the MSK Clinical Network are currently reviewing all MSK services.

7. Has the CCG commissioned a rapid access rheumatology service in your area?

The CCGs have not commissioned a rapid access rheumatology service.

a. If yes, can patients access both the rapid access rheumatology service and a routine review service?

N/A

b. Please provide details of the rapid access rheumatology service commissioned by the CCG.

N/A

8. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis have been referred to mental health services in your CCG in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

We do not hold this information.

This information should be available from the provider of mental health services, South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. Information on how to submit a FOI request to them is available here, www.sept.nhs.uk/Corporate/FOI.aspx

Essex Commissioning Support is part of NHS Central Eastern Commissioning Support Unit.

9. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis in your CCG have been referred for joint replacement treatment in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

Number of joint replacement surgeries performed on patients who have been recorded with Arthritis
2012/13 – 40
2013/14 – 30

10. What international and national guidelines do you follow to inform the commissioning of services for rheumatoid arthritis? Please list below.

NICE guidance

11. How many rheumatology nurse specialists are employed per patient with a rheumatic disorder in the CCG area?

We do not hold this information.

This information should be available from the local acute trust, Southend University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Information on how to submit a FOI request to them is available here, www.southend.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-foi/

12. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis have been able to return to employment after previously being assessed as unable to continue working as a result of their illness?

We do not hold this information.

13. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis are considered to be in remission in the CCG area?

We do not hold this information.

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Section 4: QOF indicators (progress to date)

14. What is the total number of patients with rheumatoid arthritis aged 30-84 years who have had a cardiovascular risk assessment using a CVD risk assessment tool adjusted for RA in the preceding 15 months in the CCG area?

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15. What is the total number of patients aged 50-90 years with rheumatoid arthritis who have had an assessment of fracture risk using a risk assessment tool adjusted for RA in the preceding 27 months in the CCG area?

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16. What is the total number of patients with rheumatoid arthritis who have had a face to face annual review in the preceding 15 months in the CCG area?

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Section 5: Access to biologic Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (bDMARDs)

17. Please provide a copy of your CCG's most recent service specification for rheumatoid arthritis.

We do not hold this information.

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18. What is the total amount spent by the CCG on rheumatoid arthritis?

a. Please provide a breakdown of this expenditure for 2012/12 and 2013/14.

This is part of a block spend and rheumatoid arthritis cannot be separately identified.

19. What is the total amount spent, and the total amount spent per head, by the CCG on:

a. Biologic Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

NHS Southend CCG – We do not hold this information.

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b. Conventional Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs) for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

We do not hold this information.

This information should be available from NHS Business Services, who hold data in relation to drug expenditure. Information on how to submit a FOI request to them is available here, <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/FreedomOfInformation.aspx>

c. Occupational Therapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

This is part of a block spend and rheumatoid arthritis cannot be separately identified.

d. Physiotherapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

This is part of a block spend and rheumatoid arthritis cannot be separately identified.

e. Psychological interventions for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

This is part of a block spend and rheumatoid arthritis cannot be separately identified.

f. Unplanned hospitalisations for patients with rheumatoid arthritis?

This is part of a block spend and rheumatoid arthritis cannot be separately identified.

20. How many patients with rheumatoid arthritis did you initiate treatment with bDMARDs who had a DAS28 score below 5.1? Please provide an annual breakdown since 2010.

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21. How many DAS28 assessments, where patients score 5.1 or higher, must patients with rheumatoid arthritis must undergo before being eligible to receive biologic treatments in the CCG area?

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Section 6: NICE Quality Standard

22. What is the total number of patients with suspected persistent synovitis affecting the small joints of the hands or feet, or more than one joint, that are referred to a rheumatology service within 3 working days of presentation? Please provide figures for 2012/12 and 2013/14.

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23. What is the total number of patients with suspected persistent synovitis that are assessed in a rheumatology service within 3 weeks of referral? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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24. What is the total number of patients with newly diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis that are offered short term glucocorticoids and a combination of disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs by a rheumatology service within 6 weeks of treatment? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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25. What is the total number of patients that are offered educational and self management activities within 1 month of diagnosis? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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26. What is the total number of patients with active rheumatoid arthritis that are offered monthly treatment escalation until the disease is controlled to an agreed low diseased activity target? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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27. How many people with rheumatoid arthritis and disease flares or possible drug related side effects receive advice within 1 working day of contacting the rheumatology service? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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28. How many people with rheumatoid arthritis have a comprehensive annual review that is coordinated by the rheumatology service? Please provide figures for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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