

Axial Spondyloarthritis

1. On behalf of which ICS are you responding?

Staffordshire and Stoke-on Trent

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.

The patient flows within our system are complicated with many of our patients being referred to providers outside of our system. There is therefore not a standardised pathway across our system.

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.

Not specifically for Axial Spondylarthritis, but education programmes are in place.

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

The ICB does not hold this information, the position of each our major providers (as listed in Q6) should be sought.

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

This ICB does not hold this information and may be requested from our main NHS Trust providers namely.
Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust, Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals and University Hospitals of Derby & Burton.

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?

The MSK Transformation plan is still in development.