

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_76_21

Thank you for your request for information received on the 2 February 2021, regarding local treatment guidelines. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board set out below:

You asked:

I am looking at different treatment options across the UK, please may I enquire if your organisation has local treatment guidelines for the treatment of the following conditions.

- Axial spondyloarthritis
- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Rheumatoid arthritis

If you have such guidelines please could I request a copy.

Our response:

The Health Board follow NICE and BSR guidance for the management of rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis/spondyloarthropathies (and psoriatic arthritis). We have a dedicated spondyloarthropathy/ankylosing spondylitis clinic and a dedicated biologics clinic (for patients with rheumatoid and psoriatic arthritis on biologics).

We have a dedicated early arthritis assessment clinic and an early rheumatoid arthritis pathway both of which feed into the BSR national early arthritis audit. We also have developed our own local guidance for the management of these conditions, documents for which are attached.