

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_170_22

You asked:

1. On behalf of which Health Board are you responding?

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

Part 1 – Internal Referral Pathways and screening tools

2. Does your trust have an internal referral pathway to rheumatology from:

a) Dermatology

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Not sure / don't know

b) Gastroenterology

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Not sure / don't know

c) Ophthalmology

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Not sure / don't know

3. Please give details of any standard internal pathways in place. Please attach any documents to support this.

Referrals are sent directly to Rheumatology at request of any referring specialty.

A PEST questionnaire in dermatology helps to decide which patients need a Rheumatology opinion.

4. What referral protocols are in place? e.g. are patients referred back to the GP with consideration / instruction to refer onward for rheumatology opinion.

Referrals are accepted directly from the referring internal specialty where required.

5. Does your trust utilise any screening tools such as Dublin Uveitis Evaluation Tool (DUET) or Psoriasis Epidemiology Screening Tool (PEST):

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure / don't know

6. Please give details of any screening tools in place. Please attach any documents to support this.

Psoriasis Epidemiology Screening Tool (PEST)
Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI)

Part 2 – Internal referral volumes

7. Are you able to track internal referral volumes on your systems?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure / don't know

8. How often do you receive referrals for suspected axial SpA in rheumatology from:

a) Dermatology

- ☐ Weekly
- ☒ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Less often
- ☐ Never

b) Gastroenterology

- ☐ Weekly
- ☒ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Less often
- ☐ Never

c) Ophthalmology

- ☐ Weekly
- ☒ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Less often
- ☐ Never