

Freedom of Information Request

Secondary Care Referrals

1. On behalf of which Trust are you responding?

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (FOI 22-205)

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.

Electronic patient referrals which facilitate the referral pathway and ensure the prompt triaging of urgent referrals.

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.

Rheumatology accepts referrals from the aforementioned specialties with no need for the patient to return to GPs.

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.

Dermatology use PEST when referring to Rheumatology.

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

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