

Freedom of Information Request Secondary Care Referrals

1. On behalf of which Trust are you responding?

NHS Shetland

Part 1 – Internal Referral Pathways and screening tools

We do not have agreed pathways for internal referrals but consultants will refer as appropriate.

Re the scoring systems, Consultants will use scoring systems where appropriate (I cannot confirm whether that would include these ones).

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.

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.

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.

Part 2 – Internal referral volumes

This service is provided by NHS Grampian and we assume that their figures will include NHS Shetland patients.

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

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