

Referrals/consent pathway – Prioritisation of referrals

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Key Amendments

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Prioritisation Levels – Rheumatology Physiotherapy

Tier	Definition	Examples	Action
Priority 1 (Urgent)	Patients to be seen in <1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No patients are required to be seen in this category. 	
Priority 2 (Urgent)	Patients to be seen in <2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post steroid injection. At Consultant request to manage an acute “flare up” of a patient’s existing rheumatological condition. At Consultant request to manage an acutely symptomatic newly diagnosed rheumatological condition. 	<p>Face to face or virtual management based on patient preference and clinical reasoning.</p> <p>Able to offer at all sites</p>
Priority 3 (Routine)	Patients to be seen in <3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.A A.S Fibromyalgia Connective tissue disorder Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. Chronic pain List not exhaustive and clinical reasoning to be used 	<p>Face to face or virtual management based on patient preference and clinical reasoning.</p> <p>Able to offer at all sites</p>