

## Evaluating Patient Self Referral to Physiotherapy - GP Survey

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As you are aware, this practice has been participating in a national trial of patient self referral to physiotherapy which has involved over 32 sites, 150 physiotherapists and over 8,000 physiotherapy contacts all over Scotland. The project aims to assess the feasibility and acceptability of this form of access.

As part of the current evaluation of the study, we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes filling in this sheet as it will add another important dimension to the results. The full evaluation covers clinical data, referral trends, GP workload as well as patient and physiotherapist views. However, we feel it important that the views of the General Practitioners are also considered

Once completed, could you place in the envelope provided and give it back to the physiotherapist who will forward all sheets to the study centre for analysis.

Please feel free to make any comments you may have as all replies are treated in the strictest confidence and we are keen to incorporate all views.

Thank you for your co-operation

**1. During the past year, are you aware of a change in the numbers of patients consulting you about musculoskeletal problems?**

Yes

No

Cannot say

**2. If you answered YES, please indicate how these numbers have changed**

Increased minimally

Decreased minimally

Increased significantly

Decreased significantly

**3. Do you routinely tell patients you feel may benefit from physiotherapy about the self referral facility?**

Yes

No

**4. How confident are you in the ability of physiotherapists generally to accurately diagnose and appropriately manage musculoskeletal conditions**

Not at all confident  Quite confident  Confident  Very confident

**5. How comfortable are you with the concept of physiotherapists acting as first point of contact practitioners**

- Very uncomfortable  Slightly uncomfortable  
 Comfortable  Very comfortable

**6. Do you feel that there could be a benefit for patients attending physiotherapy if physiotherapists' were responsible for any of the following:**

<b>6e. Monitoring the use of NSAID's</b>	<b>6a. The issue of repeat NSAIDS prescriptions</b>	<b>6b. Requesting routine X-rays</b>	<b>6c. Monitoring the use of work related sickness certificates</b>	<b>6d. The issue of repeat sickness certificates</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all
<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly	<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly
<input type="checkbox"/> Most definitely	<input type="checkbox"/> Most definitely	<input type="checkbox"/> Most definitely	<input type="checkbox"/> Most definitely	<input type="checkbox"/> Most definitely
<input type="checkbox"/> Should not be considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Should not be considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Should not be considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Should not be considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Should not be considered

**7. Do you think that the self referral system should continue?**

- Yes  No

If you have any other comments about the service, please feel free to include them here

*Thank you for your assistance*

*The full results of the evaluation will be circulated to you*