**Referrals and Imaging**

***Referrals***

* Referrals to physiotherapy, occupational therapy, pain clinic, podiatry, rheumatology, orthopaedics, paediatrics.
* Obtained relevant referral codes from SNIPE, MSKCOM, MIDAS. NB: no paediatric codes in these studies.
* Imported to Aurum browser and removed those not found.
* Searched Terms in browser for following strings:

Physical ther

Physiother

Occupational ther

Pain clinic

Pain management

Pain service

Podiat

Orthop

Paediatric

Pediatric

Rheumatology

* KJ removed irrelevant
* “referrals n=555 2 Nov 2022”
* FM removed 2 “Advice to GP”

“The referral codes - there are two 'advice to GP' codes near the top - these may be attained through a telephone call or through a new system called 'advice and guidance'. It does not generate a 'new referral' from my understanding in practice so can remove these two. Also wanted to ask about the codes - 'seen by X' - these referrals may have been generated from secondary care, A&E, or private referrals - so not necessarily from the GP...”

KJ: suggest keep ‘seen by’ but need to reflect this in interpretation – may not be from GP.

* “referrals n=553 24 Nov 2022 FINAL”
* Next step: once extracted filter out irrelevant

***Imaging***

Rule applied is either refer to MSK site or not defined site. Includes x-ray, ultrasound, CT scan, radiology, radiography, arthrography, MRI

* Obtained relevant codes from MIDAS
* Imported to Aurum browser and removed those not found
* Searched Terms in browser for following strings:

x-ray

xray

MRI

Magnetic resonance

Computed tomography

CT of

Ultrason

Ultrasound

Arthrography

Radiography

Radiology

* KJ removed irrelevant
* FM agreed with code list

Final codes = 1205

“imaging n=1205 2 Nov 2022 FINAL”