Key findings

Provision of care



77%

of departments offer an early arthritis clinic



38%

of providers have access to psychology health professionals



50%

of providers have emergency access to advice for patients starting treatment for EIA

Time to first appointment



47%

of patients were referred within three working days



48%

of patients referred with suspected early inflammatory arthritis were seen within three weeks

Diagnoses of people eligible for follow-up



40%

of referrals entering EIA follow up pathways

Treatment



64%

of patients with a diagnosis of early inflammatory arthritis were prescribed a conventional diseasemodifying anti-rheumatic drug (cDMARD) within six weeks of referral



6 appointments

Newly diagnosed patients receive on average six appointments in the first 12 months

Annual review



48%

of patients who had 12-month clinical data returned received an annual review

Disease remission



52%

of people were in disease remission 12 months after diagnosis