

Model of Care for Rheumatology in Ireland

National Clinical Programme
for Rheumatology

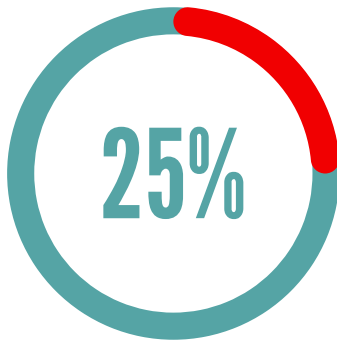
Key Points



RHEUMATOLOGY



Rheumatology in Ireland



1 in 4 Irish people are affected by rheumatic or musculoskeletal disorders



15,493 people on national rheumatology waiting list



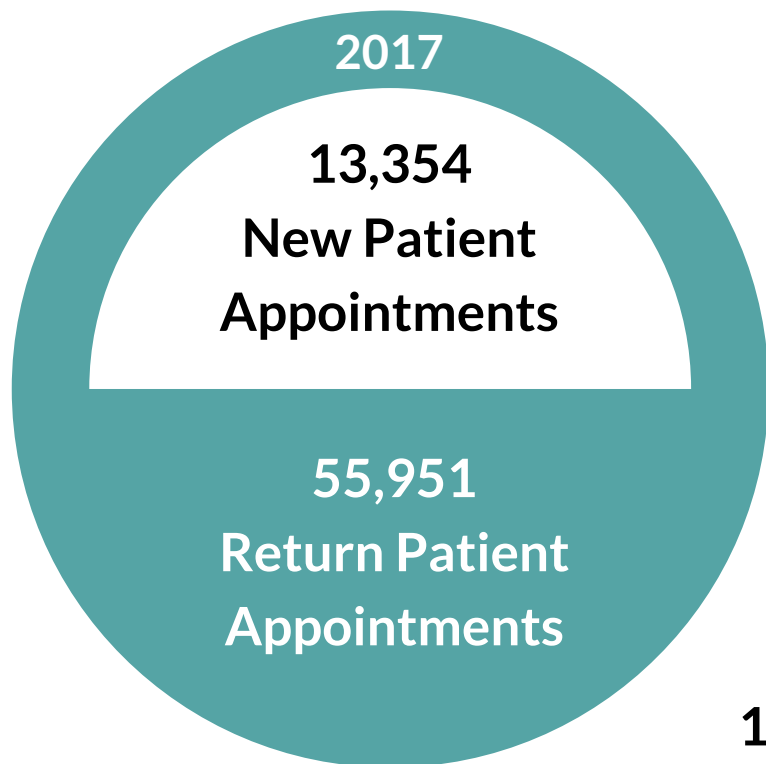
Since January 2017, on average 74 people are added each month to the list of those waiting >12 months



Consultant Rheumatologists working in public hospitals



Increasing Spend on High-Tech Biologic Drugs



17,010
New Patient
Referrals in 2017

New Model of Care

Implementation Plan



Expansion of MSK
Physiotherapy Triage Initiative



Development of
integrated patient
pathways
providing greater
level of access



23 Advanced Nurse
Practitioners operating under
consultant supervision



Service improvements facilitated
by novel gain share/invest to save
approaches



Provision of 1 Consultant
Rheumatologist per 79,000

Reduction in
waiting lists



Expansion of Rheumatology
services in a hub-and-spoke
model operating within 6
rheumatology networks

Delivery of a National
Rheumatology Service

Patient seen by the right person,
at the right place, at the right time



National Rheumatology Service Flow

