



RightPath Newsletter

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Welcome to the 10th edition of the RightPath newsletter.

Study recruitment is now well underway at the South Tyneside site.

The existing care pathway at this site has enabled data collection on direct referrals from the GP to:

- i) paediatric physiotherapy and podiatry
- ii) general paediatrics to ascertain the number of patients who would be eligible for RightPath (Virtual RightPath)

We have submitted an ethics amendment seeking approval:

- ❖ To collect data at 6 months to see whether any children triaged within RightPath have been re-referred to local or regional services within 6 months of the original referral. This extra step will add to our knowledge of the safety and appropriateness of the triage and provision of care where it occurs at RightPath sites over time.
- ❖ To collect data (age, gender, presenting complaint and clinical outcome data) for those patients who are referred direct to the paediatrician to inform future service delivery.
- ❖ To combine the study information and consent forms for the questionnaire, use of patient data and telephone interview to produce one study information sheet and consent form in order to prevent losing potential participants through follow up process.

**June/July
Scores On The
Doors**

**Direct Referrals
(Physio)
9**

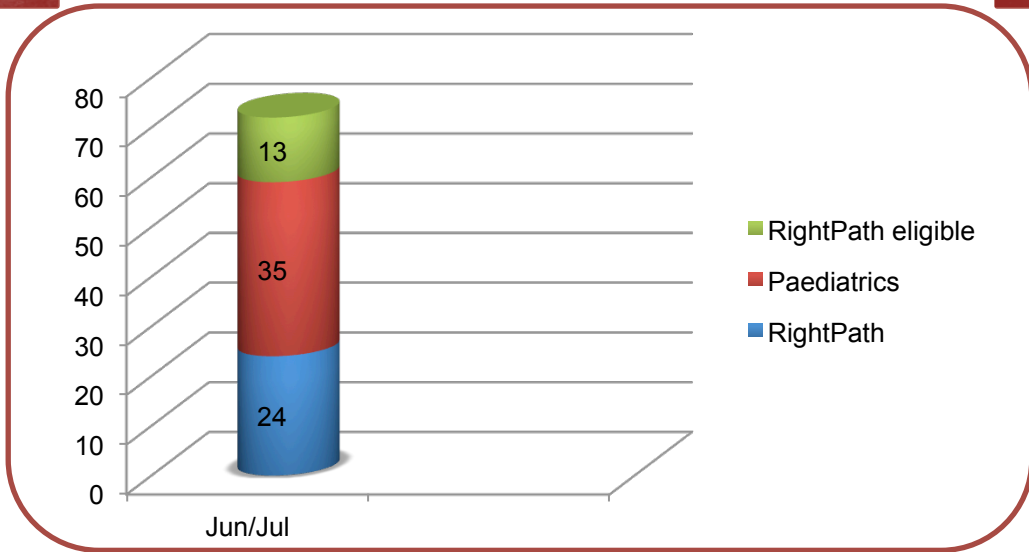
**Direct Referrals
(Pod)
15**

**MSK Paediatric
Referrals
Screened
48**

**Suitably
Referred to
Paediatrics
35**

**RightPath
Eligible
13**





| Top RightPath Conditions | Top RightPath Eligible Conditions |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Flat feet | 1. Knee pain |
| 2. Hypermobility | 2. Growing pains |
| 3. Tip toe walking | |

Recruitment Update for South Tyneside Site

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|------------------------|----|
| RightPath Eligible | 13 |
| Direct Referrals | 24 |
| Consented to RightPath | 15 |
| DNA | 2 |
| Declined/Not eligible | 7 |

Future Directions

❖ RightPath poster to be presented at The 24th European Paediatric Rheumatology Conference in Athens, Greece, 16th September 2017.

Contributions

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