

## Agenda

### Seventh Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Axial Spondyloarthritis

<b>SEVENTH MEETING OF THE APPG ON AXIAL SPONDYLOARTHRITIS: Axial SpA and Primary Care: Improving identification and onward referral</b>	
<b>1. Welcomes and introductions</b> Welcome and introductions from Tom Randall MP, setting out the scope of the meeting and its objectives.	<b>17:30 (5 minutes)</b>
<b>2. APPG Update</b> Tom Randall MP to provide attendees with a brief overview of recent group activity, including discussions with the Minister on the opportunities for improving outcomes in hydrotherapy.	<b>17:35 (5 minutes)</b>
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	
<b>3. Presentation 1: Primary Care &amp; Axial SpA: Key Barriers to Diagnosis (Dr Louise Warburton, Associate Medical Director and GPwSI in Rheumatology, Shropshire Community NHS Trust)</b> Consideration of the key challenges that exist in recognising the signs and symptoms of axial SpA in primary care, drawing on commissioner and provider perspectives	<b>17:40 (10 minutes)</b>
<b>4. Presentation 2: Joining-up Local Axial SpA Pathways (Dr Dinny Wallis, Consultant Rheumatologist, University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust)</b> Exploration of the need to better join-up local axial SpA pathways and a reflection on what 'good' looks like, drawing on existing areas of best practice	<b>17:50 (8 minutes)</b>
<b>5. Presentation 3: The Role of First Contact Practitioners in Recognising Axial SpA (Abigail Henderson, Head of FCP Programme, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy)</b> Overview of the role of NHS first contact practitioners (FCPs) and their potential to support improved recognition and referral of axial SpA in primary care	<b>17:58 (7 minutes)</b>
<b>6. Presentation 4: National Primary Care Policy Opportunities (Chris Mercer, Clinical Lead for the Primary Care and Community Workstream, National BestMSK Health Programme)</b> Overview of national primary care MSK policy priorities and consideration of the key opportunities that exist for improved axial SpA diagnosis within the emerging NHS landscape	<b>18:05 (10 minutes)</b>
<b>GROUP DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>7. Question &amp; Answer Session</b> Tom Randall MP and Dr Dale Webb to jointly facilitate a group discussion on the presentations, focusing on the below topic areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How can the visibility of axial SpA be improved across primary care?</li><li>2. How can primary care be supported to achieve swift and direct referral of suspected axial SpA patients to rheumatology?</li><li>3. Where in the pathway should axial SpA diagnostic tests be delivered – what should the role of primary care look like here?</li><li>4. Are there existing best practice examples that should be shared more widely?</li></ol>	<b>18:15 (35 minutes)</b>
<b>8. NASS Activity Update</b> Dr Dale Webb to provide a brief overview of key NASS primary care activity, including an update on the launch of the NASS Primary Care Clinical Champions workstream	<b>18:50 (5 minutes)</b>
<b>9. Summary of Next Steps</b> Tom Randall MP provide a summary of the key discussion areas and to set out next steps that the APPG plans to take, including supporting the sharing of best practice across the NHS.	<b>18:55 (5 minutes)</b>
<b>10. Meeting Close</b>	<b>19:00</b>