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REQUEST

1. Between the period 1/1/2016 – 31/12/2016, how many patients were referred to secondary care orthopaedics because of knee pain?
2. What treatments were offered to these patients in secondary care orthopaedics?
3. How many of these patients were offered some form of treatment in secondary care orthopaedics?
4. How many of these patients were not offered some form of treatment in secondary care orthopaedics because they were unsuitable candidates?
5. How many of these patients were referred back to primary care?

RESPONSE

1. Between the period 1/1/2016 – 31/12/2016, how many patients were referred to secondary care orthopaedics because of knee pain?

The Trust are unable to provide this information. Patients are not referred into specific clinics for knee pain; patients will be booked into general clinics.

2. What treatments were offered to these patients in secondary care orthopaedics?

As above; as patients are not referred to specific clinics the Trust are unable to identify the patients referred for knee pain, or the treatments they were offered, from the Trust's clinical systems.

3. How many of these patients were offered some form of treatment in secondary care orthopaedics?

Please see answer to question 2

4. How many of these patients were not offered some form of treatment in secondary care orthopaedics because they were unsuitable candidates?

Please see answer to question 2

5. How many of these patients were referred back to primary care?

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