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| **Assessing variation in Axial Spondyloarthritis Services**  **Freedom of Information Request**  **The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust**  **July 2022**  *NB Throughout this Freedom of Information request we will refer to axial SpA to cover the whole spectrum of axial spondyloarthritis including ankylosing spondylitis.*  In 2019 the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Axial Spondyloarthritis conducted a national inquiry to map the state of play for axial SpA services in England, measured against the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [Guideline for Spondyloarthritis NG65](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng65).  We are now repeating this inquiry to help us understand the current national picture. We will present the findings at a parliamentary event in the Autumn along with a series of recommendations which we will also publish as a report. We will not be using the results to name and shame any individual Trust.  A Word version of the request is attached, please do let us know if you need this in a different format. | |