Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2020.505
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Thank you for your email dated 2 July 2020, requesting information regarding community orthopaedics physiotherapy referrals.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your request:
1. Please provide the combined total number of physiotherapy referrals Community Orthopaedics have made to NHS Physiotherapy Contract Providers across the five Clinical Commissioning Group areas detailed immediately beneath:

- ***Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group***
- ***Canterbury Clinical Commissioning Group (including Coastal and Sandwich)***
- ***Swale Clinical Commissioning Group***
- ***South Kent Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group***
- ***Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group***

2. Please provide the total number of referrals made to Physiotherapy Contract Providers, by individual Clinical Commissioning Group
3. Where present, please make clear instances where the Physiotherapy Contract Provider is owned by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust
4. If stark discrepancies are present between the numbers of referrals made to Physiotherapy Contract Providers owned and not owned by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, please provide an answer as to why this disparity exists

Following a search on our community information system (CIS) please see detailed below a count of onward referrals to physiotherapy from orthopaedics by individual Clinical Commissioning Group for the last three years. Please note however that this is only if orthopaedics saw them, it would not include the people who were triaged by the orthopaedics triaging service.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide information for questions 2, 3 and 4 as we do not record this information.

	NHS Ashford CCG	NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG	NHS South Kent Coast CCG	NHS Swale CCG	NHS Thanet CCG
2017					
Apr	1	0	25	22	27
May	3	1	47	28	37
Jun	1	1	44	56	43
Jul	1	0	49	28	36

Aug	2	1	40	62	44
Sep	1	0	40	50	36
Oct	0	0	44	35	38
Nov	1	0	49	38	30
Dec	0	2	45	43	28
2018					
Jan	1	0	33	20	32
Feb	0	0	42	8	35
Mar	0	0	42	51	16
Apr	0	0	43	40	26
May	0	0	44	52	38
Jun	1	1	27	52	25
Jul	0	0	39	38	20
Aug	0	0	30	46	32
Sep	0	0	30	43	19
Oct	0	0	33	26	18
Nov	0	0	33	18	33
Dec	0	0	31	11	20
2019					
Jan	0	0	37	27	27
Feb	0	0	28	15	22
Mar	1	1	27	11	23
Apr	0	0	32	18	24
May	0	0	28	3	16
Jun	1	0	19	3	8
Jul	0	1	30	2	31
Aug	0	0	19	3	29
Sep	0	1	57	12	32
Oct	0	1	36	5	15
Nov	0	0	31	23	23
Dec	0	0	34	13	14
2020					
Jan	0	0	29	24	28
Feb	0	0	19	15	21
Mar	0	1	12	13	8
Apr	0	0	3	5	8