

<b>FSEM UK Report to Council</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>22/09/2220</b>
<b>Submitting committee/Group:</b>	<b>Clinical Advisory Group</b>	
<b>From:</b>	<b>Dr Glen Rae</b>	
<p><b>Update:</b></p> <p><b><u>MSK Return in UK- ARMA</u></b></p> <p>GR attended an ARMA meeting, on behalf of the Faculty to offer clinical input into their proposal for the most appropriate way for “Primary care and Community MSK care to return in the UK post COVID19”. The proposal was submitted to the government COVID19 working group.</p> <p><b><u>Royal Medical College – EBI’s</u></b></p> <p>GR and MR attended Royal Medical Academy’s Evidence Based Interventions Post-Engagement Webinar virtually.</p> <p>The Evidence-Based Interventions (EBI) programme was established as a joint enterprise between four national partners: the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHS CC), the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and NHS England and Improvement (NHS E/I). The Independent Expert Advisory Committee (the Committee) was established in May 2019 and tasked to expand the programme and make recommendations. The committee identified 31 Interventions to produce a collaborative approach for these interventions. The faculty were invited to the final planned meeting.</p> <p>We attended the “Spinal” and “Orthopaedic and Shoulder” workshop’s where the following interventions were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discectomy</li> <li>- Radiofrequency facet joint denervation</li> <li>- LBP imaging</li> <li>- Vertebroplasty for painful osteoporotic vertebral fractures</li> <li>- Fusion surgery for mechanical axial low back pain</li>   <li>- Knee MRI for knee pain suggestive of OA</li> <li>- Knee MRI for suspected meniscal tears</li> </ul>		

- MRI scan for hip OA
- Imaging of shoulder pain

Discussion was open and frank and allowed the faculty members views to be heard. I personally was quite surprised at the lack of understanding or acknowledgement of the role Sports and Exercise Medicine clinicians can play in NHS musculoskeletal care. Planned care was very much divided between “secondary care” (orthopaedics/ radiology) and “primary care” (General Practice). Whilst intermediate care may have been mentioned in previous work that had been undertaken my feeling was that skills and expertise of our Members and Fellows is not widely understood to be different to that of General Practitioners and that our involvement early in such work in the future would be beneficial to all.