

Global RA Network Rheumatoid Arthritis Dashboard

The Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Dashboard helps patients and other stakeholders understand the facts about the disease and the gaps in the delivery of RA care and treatment in the United Kingdom.



United Kingdom

General health information



Total population **67.1 million¹**



Annual health expenditure **£269 billion**



Life expectancy men **79 years**



Obesity (% of population) **28%**



Life expectancy women **82.9 years**



Smokers (% of population) **12%**

Arthritis in the United Kingdom

Total people living with arthritis **10 million²**

Women **Unreported**

Men **Unreported**

Frequency (per 1,000 persons per year) **Unreported**

Estimated people living with arthritis in 2040 **Unreported**

Arthritis cost to society (health care costs and loss to economy) **Unreported**

RA in the United Kingdom

Total people living with RA **430,000**

Women **322,500**

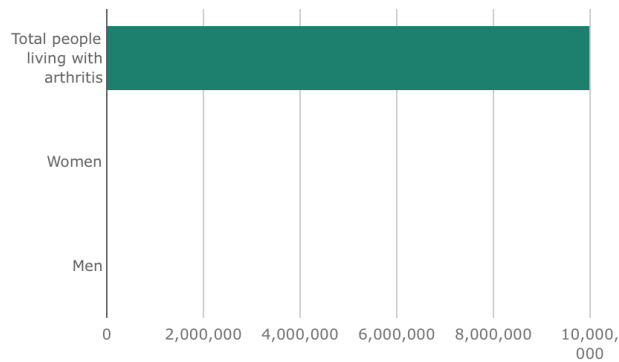
Men **107,500**

Frequency (per 1,000 persons per year) **1**

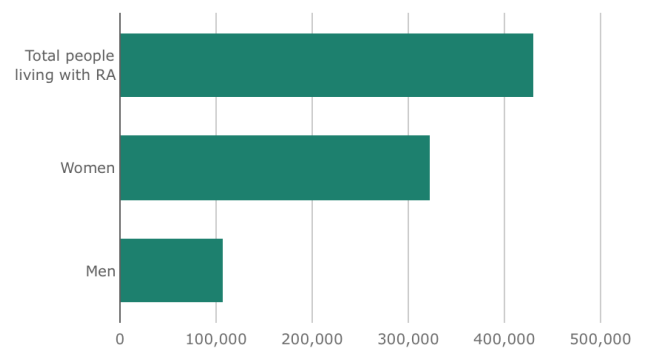
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Models of Rheumatoid Arthritis care



Standardized model of care

Yes



Number of rheumatologists per 75,000 population **0.896³**



Time to RA diagnosis after experiencing first symptoms
(% of patients within 1 month)

Unreported



RA patient wait time for first rheumatologist visit
(% of patients longer than 3 months)

Unreported

Barriers to virtual care



Lack of digital skills



Access to internet



Cost of electronics



Language

Data Sources

1 Office for national statistics, Population estimates
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates>

2 British Society for Rheumatology, Workforce Policy Report 2021.
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3 (Extrapolated and averaged based on four UK's nations numbers and total population) British Society for Rheumatology, Workforce Policy Report 2021.
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