# **Outpatient Physiotherapy - A Guide for Patients**

## What is Physiotherapy?

Physiotherapy is an effective way of managing musculoskeletal problems. It involves the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of injury, pain and problems relating to the body.

Through a combination of education, exercises and treatment modalities, physiotherapy will help to restore movement and function and give you the tools required to manage your condition independently.

#### Who will I see?

Our Physiotherapy team consists of qualified Physiotherapists and Assistant Practitioners. We have regular students on placement who may carry out your assessment and treatment with your consent. The student will have the support of an experienced clinician. You do have the right to decline the student assessment.

#### Where can I have treatment?

We offer physiotherapy appointments Monday to Friday at various sites across Calderdale and Huddersfield. Opening hours will vary depending on the treatment location.

There may be the option of having a telephone assessment.

## How do I book my appointment

Please refer to the letter you received with this leaflet.

#### **Additional Support**

Please notify staff at the time of booking your appointment if you require any additional support, including an interpreter, as we are unable to allow family members to act as an interpreter for you.

## What will happen at my first appointment?

The clinician will take a detailed history of your condition and general health. Where appropriate, a physical assessment will be completed. The appointment will last approximately 30 - 40 minutes. Please bring details of your current medication.

The physiotherapist will often need to look at the area concerned, and with your consent, you may be asked to undress. It is advisable to bring shorts or a vest top,or wear baggy loose clothing that can be easily removed.



Following your assessment, the clinician will discuss their findings with you and the treatment options available. This will enable you to agree a plan of treatment that you feel is achievable. The therapist will offer advice on exercises to do at home and if completed regularly, they are more likely to improve the outcome of your treatment.

#### What if I cannot attend my appointment?

If you are unable to attend your appointment please contact the Booking Office on: 01484 905380 nbetween 08.00 - 16.00

If you are ill with vomiting or diarrhoea, you must be symptom free for 48 hours before attending.

If you are unwell, or have any new respiratory infections, please do not attend until you feel well again. If you are unsure whether to attend, please ring the Booking Office on 01484 905380 to discuss.

## **Future Appointments**

Follow up appointments are booked through our Booking Office.

If you have not booked a follow up appointment within 4 weeks of your last appointment you will be discharged unless your physiotherapist has agreed otherwise.

## **Attendance Policy**

In line with the Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust Patient Elective Care Access Policy if you do not attend **any** physiotherapy appointment without advanced notification **you may be discharged**. You may also be discharged if you cancel two follow up appointments.

Please note late arrival may result in the physiotherapist being unable to see you and your appointment being rebooked.

Please allow time to park and make your way to the physiotherapy department.

#### Web address http://www.cht.nhs.uk/services/clinical-services/physiotherapy-outpatientspatientcareinformation/

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If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

MSK Physiotherapy Admin Office

Telephone 01484 905380

www.cht.nhs.uk

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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