

Question:

How many patients has Musgrave Park Orthopaedic surgeons sent to England for surgery in the past year 2-year period?

Response:

In response I can advise that during the previous 2-year period (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2026) there have been 86 Extra Contractual Referrals (ECRs) approved for Musgrave Park Consultants to English hospitals.

The following important notes are applicable:

- a) SPPG records funding approvals. It is not always clear at the point of Acute ECR submission whether surgery will be required. Referral reasons will frequently be for assessment and appropriate treatment as decided by the specialist clinician in consultation with the local consultant.
- b) Even where funding approval is granted, the decision to proceed with referral is a clinical decision and may change.
- c) The timing of assessment and treatment may not fall within the same financial year as approval and may involve multiple episodes of care over several years.

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