**User (scoring) guide for the Arthritis Research UK Musculoskeletal Health Questionnaire (MSK-HQ)**

On the questionnaire, the following guidance is given in the preamble at the top of the form:

*“Please focus on the particular health problem(s) for which you sought treatment from this service.”*

If this is not relevant to your use of the MSK-HQ, please delete this sentence. It will not affect the formatting or the results of the questionnaire.

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**Scoring the Musculoskeletal Health Questionnaire (MSK-HQ)**

All of the questions in the MSK-HQ are laid out in the same way, with a small number to the right of each response option box. This associated number, corresponding to the ticked response, is to be used to score the MSK-HQ.

The MSK-HQ is scored on a range of 0-56, with a better score indicating better MSK-HQ health status. In order to find out the total score, add the numbers next to the box that the respondent has ticked on the questionnaire form. The total of all of these scores, will give the overall result of the MSK-HQ.

**Minimally Important Change (MIC)**

The minimally important change has been calculated as 5.5 (95% CI 2.7 – 8.3). This was calculated using results from a study of 610 individuals recruited from 4 MSK clinical pathways; patients treated with physiotherapy for a range of MSK conditions in primary care and patients undergoing hip replacement, knee replacement or shoulder surgery in secondary care.

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