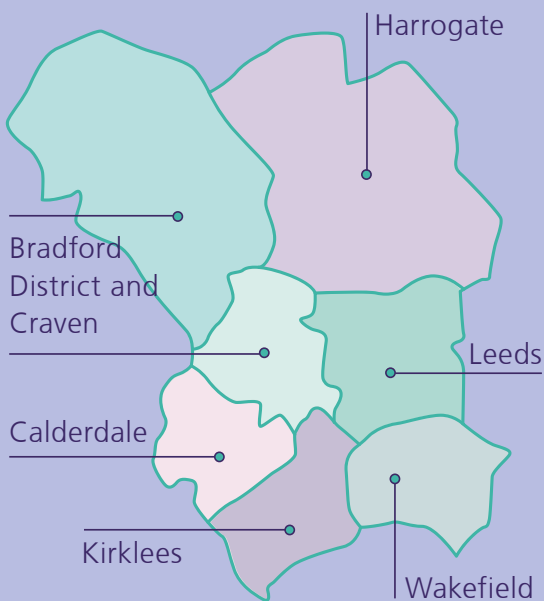


# Telling our Partnership story



## Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.



## First Contact Practitioners offering physiotherapy services in GP practices

### Our ambition

The demand for musculoskeletal (MSK) services for muscles, joints and bones continues to increase year on year.

Our ambition is to transform MSK services to make sure they are the best they can be - now and for the years to come.

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## What we are doing

**Patients have told us that they want to be able to access healthcare services closer to home**, and that they want to be seen by the right person, first time. This public feedback and insight has fed into the development of a new scheme that offers patients direct access to physiotherapists.

The First Contact Practitioners scheme has physiotherapists based in GP surgeries as a first point of contact for people with MSK conditions. Having physiotherapists as part of the primary care workforce means there are no unnecessary delays for patients accessing the specialised care they need, closer to where they live.



## What next?

The First Contact Practitioners scheme is currently being trialled in several GP practices in Leeds but will be rolled out across West Yorkshire and Harrogate over the next few years. Physiotherapy is just one of many MSK services provided by a range of specialists that offer patients more options and a more integrated approach to healthcare.



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