

**Suspected Joint  
Hypermobility Syndrome**

**History and examination**

- Presence of Marfans syndrome or Ehlers Danlos syndrome I II IV
- History of bone fragility, bruising, ocular problems, flat feet, tender trigger points.
- Absence of inflammatory arthritis
- Lack of effectiveness of local anaesthetics
- Systemic symptoms

**Investigations and Management**

- ESR, CRP, autoantibodies
- Bone density
- Patient Education
- Analgesia using NSAIDs or simple analgesia short term (Include risk assessment and PPI cover)

**Diagnosis confirmed in presence of:**

- 2 major criteria  
or  
1 major and 2 minor criteria  
or  
2 minor and 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative affected  
or  
4 minor criteria

**Brighton score**

**Major Criteria**

Beighton score >4 (Currently or historically)  
Arthralgia for >3 months in 4 or more joints

**Minor criteria**

- Beighton score 1-3
- Arthralgia or back pain > 3 months
- Spondylosis/spondylolisthesis
- Dislocation/subluxation in one joint/  
more than once or in more than one joint
- Marfanoid Habitus
- Thin skin, striae, hyperextensibility
- Droopy eyelids, myopia, or antimongoloid slant
- Varicose veins, hernia, uterine or rectal prolapse

**Beighton Score**

- Scoring 1 point each side  
Passive dorsiflexion 5t MCP 90°
- Apposition thumb to flexor  
aspect of forearm
- Hyperextension elbow beyond  
0°
- Hyperextension knee beyond 0°  
scoring 1 point
- Forward flexion flat hands to  
floor with knees straight

**Refer to Integrated MSK Service**

- If specific concerns regarding symptom management