

# COVID-19 PANDEMIC

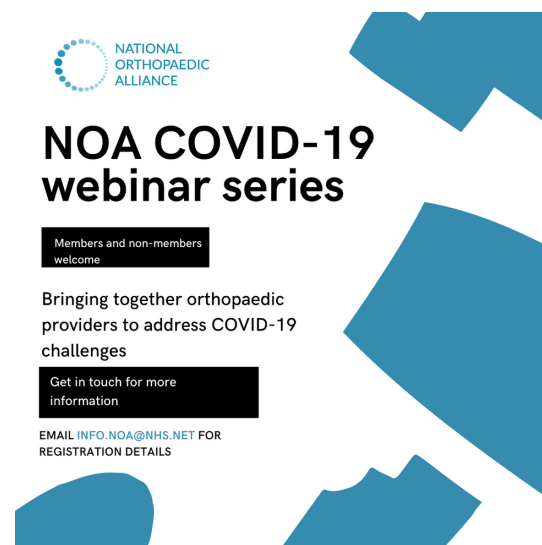
## BACKGROUND

Orthopaedics is playing a key role in the fight against COVID-19 and the pandemic has drastically changed the delivery of planned orthopaedic surgery. The NOA was eager to support its member organisations and the wider orthopaedic provider community during these extraordinary times and sought to develop and deliver a range of services.

## WHAT WE DID

As an alliance we support the orthopaedics specialty during the pandemic through:

- Our COVID-19 webinar series which focuses on a range of issues including *recovery of elective orthopaedics* and *waiting lists management*. We have collaborated with organisations including the British Orthopaedic Association, Getting It Right First Time, Versus Arthritis, ESCAPE Pain and more to ensure we address key issues.
- COVID-19 resource pages on our website and members' area.
- NOA team members have provided support at their respective Trusts.
- Curating quarterly meetings to help address issues facing staff across our membership during these challenging times. Topics included *workforce & wellbeing* and *waiting lists management*.



## HOW MEMBERS BENEFITED

- Opportunities to share experiences and learn from other Trusts and organisations experiences of the pandemic.
- Opportunities to hear from patients affected by delayed surgery.
- Useful signposting to key COVID-19 information and resources.
- Non-members were able to gain access to, and benefit from the content of our COVID-19 webinar series.

## TESTIMONIAL

“ I am always grateful to hear that others face the same issues as us (during COVID-19), as sometimes it can feel very lonely. Recovery has been tough and clinical engagement is key so having examples from other areas really helps. Thank you again. ”

NOA COVID-19 webinar attendee