Referral for diagnostic ultrasound scan for people with suspected rotator cuff tendinopathy from the orthopaedic and physical therapy departments and from general medical practitioners based in primary (community) care.

(n=26)

Subjects consenting meeting the inclusion and not fulfilling the exclusion criteria.

(n=20)

Subjects consenting but not meeting the inclusion and fulfilling the exclusion criteria at the time of the pre-scan clinical assessment.

(n=6)

Complete cessation of symptoms (n=1)
Development of bilateral shoulder pain (n=5)

Continued to have ultrasound scan and data analysed according to study design.
Involvement in study complete.

(n=20)

Continued to have ultrasound scan and data analysed in secondary analysis.
Involvement in study complete.

(n=6)

Returned to referring healthcare professional for appropriate management following the ultrasound scan.

(n=26)