All adults aged 50 years and over registered with 3 general practices in North Staffordshire (n=8984)

Mailed baseline Health Survey (n=8984)

Excluded during mailing (n=221)
Deaths and departures (98), withdrawn (23), returned addressee unknown (95)

Refusals / non-respondents (n=2655)
Illhealth (83), refused (223), nonresponse (2349)

Respondents to baseline Health Survey (n=6108)
Adjusted baseline HS response = 69.7%

No knee pain in last 12 months (n=3002)

Knee pain in last 12 months (n=3106)

No consent to further contact (n=880)

Mailed baseline Regional Pain Survey (n=2226)

Excluded during mailing (n=3)

Refusals / non-respondents (n=274)

Respondents to baseline Regional Pain Survey (n=1949)
Adjusted baseline RPS response = 87.7%

Not sent invitation to baseline Research Clinic (n=6)

Mailed invitation to baseline Research Clinic (n=1943)

Refusals / non-respondents / DNA / UTA (n=1124)

Attended Research Clinic (n=819)
Adjusted RC response = 42.2%

Excluded prior to mailing (n=14)
Deaths (9), GP excluded (3), Withdrawal (1), Emigrated (1)

Mailed 18-month Follow-up Survey (n=805)

Excluded during mailing (n=3)
Deaths (2), illhealth (1)

Refusals / Non-respondents (n=26)
Illhealth (7), refused (16), non-response (9)

Respondents to 18-month Follow-up Survey (n=776)
Adjusted 18M FUP response = 96.8%