**4.8. Sources of Cases of Patients Admitted to Northumberland Miners' Rehabilitation Centre during quarter up to 31 December 1945.**

Note: The rehabilitation of injured miners became an important political issue in the 1930s and 1940s, and a number of fracture clinics and rehabilitation centres were established, while convalescent homes were also turned increasingly to rehabilitation purposes. Efforts were made to ensure that miners injured in the course of their work were treated by skilled first-aiders upon being injured, sent to orthopaedic surgeons and then passed onwards to specialised rehabilitation centres.

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| Sources of Cases | Number of Miners Employed or Served | Per cent of Total | Cases sent | Per cent of total sent |
| Coal Districts served by Centre  Northumberland | 41,026 | 100.00 | 32 | 100.00 |
| Hospitals Served by Centre |  |  |  |  |
| Royal Victoria Infirmary | 26,999 | 65.55 | 19 | 59.4 |
| Newcastle General Hospital | 690 | 1.75 |  |  |
| Ashington Hospital | 9,919 | 24.00 | 11 | 34.4 |
| Alnwick Infirmary | 1,067 | 2.75 |  |  |
| Blyth Knight Memorial Hospital | 1,496 | 3.75 |  |  |
| Tynemouth Hospital | 151 | 0.37 |  |  |
| Morpeth Cottage Hospital | 44 | 0.11 | 1 | 3.1 |
| Hexham War Memorial Hospital | 261 | 0.65 |  |  |
| Haltwhistle Hospital | 246 | 0.61 |  |  |
| Cumberland Infirmary | 127 | 0.30 |  |  |
| Brampton Cottage Hospital | 66 | 0.16 |  |  |
| Hexham E.M.S. Hospital (Orthopaedic Centre) | 41,062 | 100.00 | 1 | 3.1 |
| Other Sources |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 32 | 100.00 |

Source: Northumberland Archives, NRO 04225/1/1/1, Northumberland Miners' Rehabilitation Committee Minutes, July 1944-June 1946.