

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.

Sources of Cases	Number of Miners Employed or Served	Per cent of Total	Cases sent	Per cent of total sent
<u>Coal Districts served by Centre</u>				
Northumberland	41,026	100.00	32	100.00
<u>Hospitals Served by Centre</u>				
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		

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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.