Musculoskeletal conditions (MSK) and work

In the UK,

MSK is a leading cause of work limitations and

27.8 million working days per year are lost due to MSK

MSK is the second largest single cause of sickness absence

People with MSK conditions are less likely to be in work than people without a health condition

63% with an MSK condition

82% with no health conditions

In England,

17% of the population report a long term MSK problem

Agriculture, construction, health and social care, and transportation and storage industries all show elevated rates of MSK