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A report has criticised "unacceptable" delays for rheumatoid arthritis treatment.

A survey published in the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases found patients waited 21 weeks for treatment, well over the three-month "therapeutic window" in which there is the best chance of a good outcome.

On average, 12 weeks of the delay was caused by patients failing to recognise symptoms.