

## CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)

### Clinical Policies Appeal Process

The Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG) is a strategic, local decision-making committee, with responsibility for promoting appropriate, safe, rational and cost-effective clinical policies to be used across Derby & Derbyshire.

The Committee is accountable to the Clinical and Lay Commissioning Committee of Derby and Derbyshire CCG ("the CCG") with representation from governing body members. There is an expectation that recommendations made by CPAG will usually be implemented.

An appeal of a decision by CPAG can be made at the request of a NHS clinician if either:

1. Due process was not followed and/or
2. Not all relevant significant evidence was considered at the time of the decision.

All appeals should be made to the CPAG Chair in the first instance. Appeals should be sent to [ddccg.medicinesmanagement@nhs.net](mailto:ddccg.medicinesmanagement@nhs.net) and marked for the attention of the Chair of CPAG.

The Chair of CPAG and a clinical member of the group will decide if:

- The appeal is inappropriate and respond back to the clinician with an explanation requiring no further action,
- Significant evidence was not considered at the time of review and requires a full review at the next appropriate CPAG meeting.

If the clinician, supported by the Provider's Medical Director, remains dissatisfied with the outcome of an appeal then the matter will be sent onto the Derby and Derbyshire CCG's Medical Director. The Medical Director and CPAG Chair will undertake an assessment of the appeal. The Medical Director will then formally respond to the requesting clinician and the Provider's Medical Director.

A successful appeal will result in a resubmission to reassess CPAGs decision at the next opportune meeting.