

Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

CLINICAL POLICIES updated 1) PROCEDURES OF LIMITED CLINICAL VALUE POLICY

The Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) guidance is to assist CCG's in fulfilling their duties relating to securing continuous improvements in the quality of services for patients and in outcomes, particularly regarding appropriate clinical interventions. The objective of this guidance is to support CCGs in their decision-making, to address unwarranted variation, and to provide national advice to make local clinical decision-making more appropriate.

In line with the group's principle of adopting NHS Evidence Based Interventions policies, where they are felt to be more restrictive than the current Derby & Derbyshire policies, the following have been updated:

Derby and Derbyshire CCG Adoption of NHS EBI Policies	Key Changes
Adult Snoring Surgery (in the absence of obstructive sleep apnoea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording
Dilation and Curettage for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding in Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording
Knee Arthroscopy for Patients with Osteoarthritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Addition of 'mechanical' to clarify the type of knee locking
Injections for Non-specific Low Back Pain Without Sciatica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Removal 'osteoarthritis' from exclusion criteria Sacroiliac joint dysfunction added to exclusion criteria
Breast Reduction Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Reviewed to pay due regard to NHS Evidence Based Interventions criteria
Removal of Benign Skin Lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Clarification of pain level as 'significant' Statement added to acknowledge other policies for lipomas on the body, anal skin tags and congenital pigmented lesions on the face
Haemorrhoid Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording
Trigger Finger Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording
Varicose Vein Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended to adopt NHS EBI wording Clarification that DDCCG do not commission surgery for symptomatic varicose veins

CLINICAL POLICIES updated Summary of policies

The following clinical policies were updated:

Policy	Key Changes
Circumcision	<p>Policy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification of penile malignancy in children being an 'extremely rare condition'. Megaprepuce included in policy criteria. Hooded foreskin without hypospadias, dysmorphism and any existing condition that will not benefit from circumcision alone added to exclusion criteria. Paraphimosis and Physiological phimosis/ non-retractile healthy foreskin in boys added to exclusion criteria.
Microsuction of Ear Wax	<p>Policy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to clarify that patients who are already in the system for follow up appointments who are considered to have had inappropriate referrals to ENT Department should be discharged. Re-issue communication statement to ensure GPs are aware of process for referral.
Continuous Blood Glucose Monitoring	<p>Policy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult inclusion criteria amended by grouping of episodes of severe hypoglycaemia OR frequency of asymptomatic hypoglycaemia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously this was an 'and'. The 18 HFS-W questions used as the assessment tool to help define extreme fear of hypoglycaemia. Transition from child to adult services section altered to include the adult criteria and the risk of hypoglycaemia when stopping CGM as part of the necessary assessment. Statement added on barriers to accessing structured education sessions to be considered and addressed added under exclusion criteria for children. This includes liaison with other services involved in working with and supporting the family.

Policy	Key Changes
Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy	Policy update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording updated to reflect the new organisation
Defining the Boundaries between NHS and Private Healthcare	Policy update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on who is responsible for actioning results of investigations requested through a private care provided by non-secondary care Consultants

NICE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE, DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE (IPGS, DTG, MTGS)

The Derby and Derbyshire CCG do not commission and will not fund any procedure or technology assessed by NICE under their IPG, MTG and DTG programmes unless:

- the provider has submitted a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and this has been subsequently approved AND
- the NICE IPG states 'use with standard arrangements for clinical governance, consent and audit'
- OR the NICE MTG states 'the case for adoption within the NHS as described is supported by the evidence'
- OR the NICE DTG makes a recommendation as an option for use

The following NICE programme outputs were considered by the group:

IPG/MTG	Description and date of release
IPG644 (special arrangement)	Special Arrangement - Radically emitting laser fibre treatment of an anal fistula (March 2019)
MTG17	The Debrisoft monofilament debridement pad for use in acute or chronic wounds (March 2014 updated March 2019)
IPG645 (standard)	Standard Endoscopic ablation for an annual fistula

Our CCG continues to monitor and implement IPGs with our main providers.

EAST MIDLANDS AFFILIATED COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE POLICY UPDATES

We are currently awaiting East Midlands Affiliated Commissioning Committee update on Gamete Storage/ Cryopreservation.

CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Clinical Policies Website went live from 1st April 2019 and will be regularly updated with new information/policies.

<http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/>

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

The following ToR were updated:

Terms of Reference	Key Changes
Clinical Policy Advisory Group	Policy update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derbyshire Affiliated Clinical Commissioning Policy Committee re-named as 'Clinical Policy Advisory Group'. Clarification of 'NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG GP' to now read as 'any practising GP across Derbyshire'.
Individual Funding Request Policy	Policy update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording updated to reflect the new organisation. Decision made for monthly IFR reports to be brought to and discussed in Clinical Policy Advisory Group meetings.