

Procedures of Limited Clinical Value

Introduction

Derby and Derbyshire CCG have an agreed policy which covers 'Procedures of Limited Clinical Value' (PLCV) to ensure consistency across the county. This leaflet explains the policy in more detail and what it means for you.

What is PLCV?

Some treatments are classed as 'Procedures of Limited Clinical Value' (PLCV), this means that they are only of value in certain circumstances. The main reason for having a PLCV policy is to ensure that:

- You receive the right treatment, in the right place and at the right time.
- Procedures with no, or a very limited, evidence base are not used.
- Procedures with minimal benefits to health are restricted.
- Procedures which might have been undertaken in the past are now reviewed more thoroughly for each individual patient because clinical evidence explaining the potential benefits or negative effects has improved.

This means that these procedures will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis to ensure they meet the criteria before they can be provided on the NHS.

Clinicians want to give you the best care and treatment possible. Some procedures cost a lot of money with little genuine benefit and in some cases can even do more harm than good. In other cases, some treatments might be available which are just as effective but far less expensive. We are required to observe the policy, because the local NHS has put it into effect. Be assured your GP will do the very best for you in accordance with the PLCV policy.

Which treatments are affected?

Here are some examples:

- Varicose Veins
- Cataract surgery
- Grommets
- Hip/knee replacement surgery
- Removal of tonsils
- Ganglion cyst removal
- Meibomian Cysts

A full list of all treatments, applicable exclusions and criteria is available at:

<http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home>

What does this mean for me?

There may be circumstances where you may no longer be able to receive a treatment which you would previously have had. In these cases, you will be supported by your GP to consider the alternatives available to you, which may be of greater benefit.

The criteria for procedures in the policy will be the same across Derbyshire, regardless of which GP you see or which hospital you attend. Your GP or consultant will assess your condition and where they think the criteria have been met, they will need to seek final approval for you to receive treatment by providing your local Derbyshire Prior Approval Team with the necessary medical evidence. The team will only use minimal amount of information necessary for the purpose of approval, all personal information will be held securely and confidentially. This information will be reviewed and a decision will be made within a week and you will be notified by letter. By agreeing to this process, you are giving consent for your GP or consultant to share your personal information with the Derbyshire Prior Approval Team to enable a decision to be made.

Does this mean that these procedures won't be carried out anymore?

All of the procedures covered by the policy will still be available to any patients who meet the criteria.

Is this a new policy?

This is not a new policy or process and none of the clinical criteria used to assess treatments have changed recently. We are improving our monitoring of the existing policy to ensure that it is being applied fairly so that patients have equality of access to healthcare across Derbyshire.

Is this about saving money?

No, it's not about saving money, but using money more effectively on high quality care. The policy will help to ensure the NHS offers treatments which are in-line with the latest available evidence.

This does also ensure that fixed NHS resources are spent more fairly and more equitably across Derbyshire. Demand for healthcare is greater than can be funded from the fixed budget the CCG receives. Unfortunately this means that some healthcare which patients might wish to receive and which your doctor or specialist might wish to offer can no longer be funded routinely. We are always looking for the fairest ways to offer affordable, high-quality care to all our patients.

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- You have the right to restrict the way we use your information and we are obliged to agree if it is possible to do so.
- You have the right to correct information if what we are holding is incorrect

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