

**CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)**

**Derby and Derbyshire CCG Position Statement**  
**Facet Joint Injections**

**Statement**

NHS Derby & Derbyshire CCG will not routinely commission facet joint injections for diagnostic purposes or for treatment purposes.

For more information see the [DDCCG Injections for Nonspecific Low Back Pain without Sciatica Including Spinal Fusion for Low Back Pain Policy](#)

These commissioning intentions will be reviewed periodically. This is to ensure affordability against other services commissioned by the CCG.

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