

Derbyshire Affiliated Clinical Commissioning Policy Group (CPAG)

This is a county-wide group covering NHS North Derbyshire, Southern Derbyshire, Hardwick and Erewash Clinical Commissioning Groups

KEY MESSAGES FROM CPAG FEBRUARY 2019

CLINICAL GUIDELINES APPROVED

The Non-standard MRI Scan policy was approved at February CPAG.

CLINICAL POLICIES updated/ reviewed

1) Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) POLICY – Tonsillectomy

Following an individual funding request, the evidence for tonsillectomy in limiting episodes of IgA-induced nephropathy was reviewed. It was agreed by the Clinical Policies Committee that there would be no impact on the existing PLCV policy, with due regard given to NHS England's position on tonsillectomy.

Procedures categorised as PLCV should not be conducted by Trusts, unless it can be demonstrated that the patient meets a set of criteria. The criteria for each of the current PLCV procedures may be found [here](#). GPs and Consultants are reminded that they should apply for patients to be considered for a PLCV procedure via the Prior Approvals process. Prior Approval must be granted before the patient is referred to secondary care, or (in the case of the Consultant) before the procedure is undertaken.

The main exception to the Prior Approval process is when the GP is uncertain of the diagnosis, and wishes to refer to the Consultant for advice and guidance.

NHSE – NATIONAL GUIDANCE ON EVIDENCE BASED INTERVENTIONS (EBI) PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2018

Following NHSE's public consultation on Evidence Based Interventions, national [guidance](#) was published in December. There are a total of 17 procedures, split into two categories – Category 1 (four procedures) and Category 2 (thirteen procedures).

Category 1 procedures should not be undertaken by provider Trusts except where funding has been applied for and approved by the lead CCG, via an Individual Funding Request (IFR). The link to the IFR policy may be found [here](#).

Category 2 procedures should not be undertaken by provider Trusts unless patients meet a defined set of clinical criteria. In this instance, GPs and Consultants are requested to ensure that their patients meet the criteria by completion of the Prior Approvals Process.

Clinical criteria from EBI are being compared and contrasted with our existing PLCV policy. Whilst this work on mapping clinical thresholds and underpinning activity codes is ongoing, GPs are requested to continue to comply with the Derbyshire PLCV [policy](#) and the prior approval process. This work will be completed at March CPAG on the 21st.

CPAG have ratified a position statement in response to multiple queries received regarding which policy should be followed. The position statement is on the CCG's Primary Care website ([click here for link](#))

NICE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE, DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, AND MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE (IPGs, DTG, MTGs)

Our CCGs continue to monitor and implement IPGs with our main FT providers; NICE February update attached. [https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/published?type=dg,ipg,mtg&fromdate=December 2018&todate=March 2019](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/published?type=dg,ipg,mtg&fromdate=December%202018&todate=March%202019)

Interventional Procedures Guidance (IPG) Diagnostic Procedures Guidance and Medical Technology Guidance policy was ratified on 1st November 2018. IPGs are further stratified into four categories –:

1. Standard
2. Do Not Do
3. Research
4. Special Arrangement.

For categories 2 – 4, it is expected that Trusts will not carry out these IPGs, on the basis of quality and safety.

Where Standard IPGs are carried out by the Trust, providers will be asked to submit a business case to demonstrate safety and cost-effectiveness.

A link to the IPG policy, and business case may be found here: - <http://www.southernderbyshireccg.nhs.uk/primary-care/policies/>

CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Subject to final financial approval, developing a CPAG website to mirror that of JAPC has commenced. Work is ongoing to confirm layout and clinical content.