

## Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

### PRIOR APPROVAL UPDATED

Prior Approval (PA) is an assurance mechanism used by Derby and Derbyshire CCG (DDCCG) to ensure the requirements within the Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) policy are met. Through CPAG, DDCCG has collaborated with stakeholders to remove any unnecessary administration burden.

As a result the following procedures no longer require prior approval:

- Elective Planned Caesarean Section

A useful summary can be found at <http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/plcv>

### CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED PROCEDURES OF LIMITED CLINICAL VALUE POLICIES

Research evidence shows that some interventions are not clinically effective or only effective when they are performed in specific circumstances. The purpose of the Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) policy is to clarify the commissioning intentions of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG will only fund treatment for clinically effective interventions that are then delivered to the right patients.

Derby and Derbyshire CCG	Key Changes
Scar Reduction policy	A scar is fibrous tissue that replaces normal skin after an injury. Some scars become thick and raised, which are known as hypertrophic scars. Occasionally scars can overgrow the original area of trauma and these types of scars are called keloid scars. Latest updates to the Scar Reduction Policy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of hypertrophic scars</li> <li>• Policy re-named as the Scar Reduction Policy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy was previously known as the Keloid Scar Reduction Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Hyperhidrosis Policy	Hyperhidrosis is a condition in which a person sweats excessively when there is normal body temperature regulation. The Hyperhidrosis Policy has been reviewed and the following updates have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of clonidine as systemic treatment option</li> <li>• Propantheline doses replaced with a reference to BNF doses</li> <li>• Removal of 'This procedure requires prior approval. Prior approval must be sought through Blueteq' due to Prior Approval being removed from the procedure</li> </ul>
Elective/Planned Caesarean Section Policy	A caesarean section is a surgical procedure used to deliver a baby through an incision that is made in the abdomen and uterus. The Elective/Planned Caesarean Section Policy is not subject to prior approval and the policy has subsequently been removed

### CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED SUMMARY OF POLICIES

The following clinical policies were updated:

Clinical Policy	Key Changes
Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) Policy	The IUI Policy is to aid couples who are unable to have regular intercourse demonstrate infertility. The policy has been updated by moving 'social' objections to IVF as an exception for IUI for infertility treatment to the policy's exclusion criteria.

### CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT & ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SERVICE TEMPLATES

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

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

The Electronic Referral Service (ERS) PLCV referral form templates are being reviewed and updated to accurately reflect the current policies and are now available on the Clinical policies website. We actively encourage feedback which should be sent to the PLCV inbox at [PLCV.priorapproval@nhs.net](mailto:PLCV.priorapproval@nhs.net)

## GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, POLICIES AND COMMISSIONING STATEMENTS UPDATED SUMMARY

Statement	Key Changes
X-Ray and MRI of Back for Low Back Pain	Imaging should not routinely be commissioned for people with low back pain with or without sciatica unless the result is likely to change management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy has been replaced with a position statement</li> <li>• This statement have been introduced to align the CCG's intention to those within NICE guidelines</li> </ul>
Spinal Fusion and Disc Replacement for people with low back pain	The commission statement has been issued to reiterate the CCG's following commissioning stance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spinal decompression is not routinely commissioned for patients with sciatica, unless non-surgical treatment has improved pain or function, and the radiological findings are consistent with sciatic symptoms.</li> <li>• Spinal fusion should not routinely be commissioned for people with low back pain.</li> <li>• Disc replacement should not routinely be commissioned for people with low back pain</li> </ul>
Electronic Referral System (ERS)Referral Template	The current ERS and prior approval forms have been reviewed and aligned to the PLCV policies to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Ensure that they reflect the current policy criteria</li> <li>2) Ascertain whether the policy/procedure requires primary care approval</li> </ol>

## NICE INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES GUIDANCE, DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES GUIDANCE AND MEDTECH INNOVATION BRIEFINGS (IPGS, DTG, MTGS, MIBS)

The DDCCG do not commission and will not fund any procedure or technology assessed by NICE under their IPG, MTG, DTG and MIB 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
- OR the NICE MIB has evaluated the innovation.

The following NICE programme outputs were considered by the group:

IPG/MTG/DTG/MIB	Description	Outcome
IPG665 – Special Arrangement	Balloon dilation for chronic eustachian tube dysfunction	This guidance replaces IPG409. Not commissioned
MTG 46	GammaCore for cluster headache	Part of the ITP funding for 19/20

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

## NHS ENGLAND INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PAYMENTS (ITP)

The DDCCG have no statutory duty to fund the additional costs associated with the implementation of NHS England's Innovation and Technology Payment innovations

There were no new NHS England ITP and ITT outputs considered by the group in January.