

## Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

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Due to the CCG moving to Business Continuity level 4, to support the Covid-19 vaccination roll out and the resulting reduction in capacity, it was agreed at the CPAG meeting held on the 21st January 2021 that future meetings would be stepped down. Any decisions that do require CPAG approval will be circulated to all members and will have a two day working turnaround for any comments. The TOR have been updated to reflect the reduced function and activity of CPAG

The interim arrangements can be found on the Derby and Derbyshire CCG (DDCCG) Clinical Policies

website: [http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/assets/Clinical-policies/CPAG/CPAG\\_TOR/interim\\_cpag\\_tor.pdf](http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/assets/Clinical-policies/CPAG/CPAG_TOR/interim_cpag_tor.pdf)

### PRIOR APPROVAL UPDATED

Prior Approval (PA) is an assurance mechanism used by DDCCG to ensure that the clinical criteria listed within the Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (PLCV) policies are met. Through CPAG, DDCCG has collaborated with stakeholders to remove any unnecessary administration burden.

A useful summary can be found on the DDCCG Clinical Policies website: <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.

**No updates this month.**

### 'NEW' NOT ROUTINELY COMMISSIONED - POSITION STATEMENTS

Statement	Description
Acupuncture	<p>Acupuncture is a treatment derived from ancient Chinese medicine. Fine needles are inserted at certain sites in the body for therapeutic or preventative purposes.</p> <p>A position statement has been agreed to clarify the current "do not do" statement on the Clinical Policies website stating that "Acupuncture is not routinely commissioned for pain management due to a lack of evidence to support the efficacy of this treatment"</p> <p><b>New</b> "do not commission" position statement for Acupuncture added to Clinical Policies website <a href="http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous">http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous</a></p>

### CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED: SUMMARY OF POLICIES

Clinical Policy	Key Changes
Sedation for MRI Scans (Non-Standard MRI Scans)	<p>A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan is a painless procedure that lasts 15 to 90 minutes, depending on the size of the area being scanned and the number of images being taken. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mri-scan/what-happens/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mri-scan/what-happens/</a></p> <p>Following a query raised by the LMC regarding GPs responsibility for providing sedation for patients prior to a MRI scan, the CCGs Non-standard MRI Scanning policy has been re-worded to clarify that GPs should be responsible for the prescribing of anxiolytics for level 1 sedation. Other levels of sedation will be prescribed by specialist. A definition of the levels of sedation has also been included <a href="http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous">http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous</a></p>
Continuous Glucose Monitoring Policy (CGM)	<p>A continuous glucose monitor (CGM) is a small device that you wear just under your skin to measure glucose (sugar) levels through the day and night.</p> <p>Following the publication of NG3 Diabetes in pregnancy: management from preconception to the postnatal period the CGM policy has been updated to state that "CGM is to be offered to all women with Type I diabetes who are pregnant for a period of 12 months" <a href="http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous">http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/clinical-policies/miscellaneous</a></p>
Clinical Policies Review Extension	<p>Due to the CCG moving to Business Continuity Level 4 and reduced capacity for non-essential activities, the CCG is to extend the review date of the following polices by six months following assurances from clinicians that it is safe to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hysterectomy for Menorrhagia</li> <li>• Intra-uterine Contraceptive Device and Mirena Coils</li> <li>• Oraya Therapy</li> <li>• Male Breast Reduction for Gynaecomastia</li> <li>• Epidermoid/pilar (sebaceous cysts)</li> <li>• Lipoma/lipomata</li> <li>• Cataract Surgery – 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> eye</li> <li>• Congenital pigmented lesions on face</li> <li>• Laser Treatment</li> </ul>

## CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT & ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SERVICE TEMPLATES

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)

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

The DDCCG does 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 noted by the group for the month of November:

IPG/MTG/DTG/MIB	Description	Outcome
IPG659	Low-energy contact X-ray brachytherapy (the Papillon technique) for locally advanced rectal cancer	Research only – not commissioned
MTG52	Zio XT for detecting cardiac arrhythmias	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB238	Evoke Spinal Cord Stimulator for managing chronic neuropathic or ischaemic pain	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB239	ReStore Soft Exo-Suit for gait rehabilitation	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB240	Cytosponge for detecting abnormal cells in the oesophagus	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval

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.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

<p><b>Gender Identity Development Service - NHSE commissioned</b></p>	<p>Following the High Court ruling on 1st December 2020 in the case Bell v Tavistock, the judgment means that children and young people may be unable to consent to puberty-blocking treatment, and that an application to the Court may be required for such treatment to continue. Links to the full judgment can be found at the following links <a href="https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Bell-v-Tavistock-Judgment.pdf">https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Bell-v-Tavistock-Judgment.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Further information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit <a href="https://gids.nhs.uk">https://gids.nhs.uk</a> for up-to-date and accurate information.</li> </ul> <p>If you would like to speak to someone in our clinical team, please call 07812 512 126 and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also contact the GIDS psycho-social team by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- writing to <a href="mailto:gids@tavi-port.nhs.uk">gids@tavi-port.nhs.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:gidsleedsadmin@tavi-port.nhs.uk">gidsleedsadmin@tavi-port.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>- calling 020 8938 2030 (London) or 0113 247 1955 (Leeds)</li> </ul> <p><b>Patient Support</b></p> <p>If you feel your patient requires urgent support, and risk management beyond what the national service can offer, please contact the GIDS service as well as making a referral to local CAMHS and flagging the following sources of urgent support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If patients need urgent mental health support or advice, as well as making a local referral, please share details with young people, parents and carers of how to access crisis help (<a href="https://nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth">https://nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth</a> or texting SHOUT to 85258)</li> <li>- Helpful mental health and wellbeing advice is also available from the places below:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Every Mind Matters for young people and parents/carers <a href="https://nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters">https://nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters</a></li> <li>○ Youngminds <a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help">https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help</a></li> <li>○ MindEd for Families <a href="https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk">https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk</a></li> <li>○ Parents can also call the YoungMinds parents' helpline: 0808 802 5544, 9.30am to 4pm on weekdays</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Ethical Decisions</b></p>	<p>Due to the significant impact of Covid on pathways and waiting times the Nursing and Quality Team has produced a Draft Minimum Standards and Assurance Framework which will be formalised early 2021. The document aims to define some minimal standard and principles to guide the management of pathways for patients who have had a prolonged wait across the Derbyshire system. This will ensure that there is a consistent approach across all pathways which is equitable to all patients.</p>