

Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

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Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic an interim CPAG Terms of Reference (ToR) has been devised to ensure that there is continuity of CPAG meetings during these extraordinary times. 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

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.

There were no updated PLCV policies for October.

CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED: SUMMARY OF POLICIES

Clinical Policy	Key Changes
Breast prosthesis (Implant) Revision/ Replacement Policy Review	<p>Breast implants are fitted on the NHS, mostly for breast reconstruction following breast cancer. Breast implants do not last a lifetime and therefore will require replacement at some point. The insertion of breast implants also carries a risk of number complications that may warrant the removal of the implants.</p> <p>Policy has been re-worded and reformatted to reflect the new organisation's clinical policy format. This includes the addition of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • background information, • useful resources, • references • consultation section • document version control.
Blepharoplasty Policy	<p>Blepharoplasty is a surgical procedure that involves the removal of excess skin, fat or muscle from the eyelids. The aim of the procedure is to improve hooded or drooping eyelids.</p> <p>Policy has been re-worded and reformatted to reflect the new organisation's clinical policy format. This includes the addition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • background information • rationale for recommendation • useful resources • references • consultation section • document version control
Hypnotherapy – new position statement	<p>Hypnotherapy is a type of alternative medicine in which hypnosis is used to create a state of focused attention and increased suggestibility during which positive suggestions and guided imagery are used to help individuals deal with a variety of concerns and issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position statement states that Hypnotherapy will not be commissioned as a stand-alone" treatment.
Consultant to Consultant	<p>This policy outlines the situations when consultant to consultant referral without choice may be appropriate and when patients should be referred back to their own GP</p> <p>As requested by the Primary and Secondary Care Clinical Transformation Group the policy has been updated to include the following criteria when Consultant to Consultant Referral would be appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions that are related to the presenting problems e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where there is an established pathway e.g. gastroenterology to GI surgery

CPAG WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT & ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SERVICE TEMPLATES

The Clinical Policies Website went live from 1st 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

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 August:

IPG/MTG/DTG/MIB	Description	Outcome
IPG680	Transcranial magnetic stimulation for auditory hallucinations	Research only – Not commissioned
DG41	Implantable cardiac monitors to detect atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MTG50	Axonics sacral neuromodulation system for treating refractory overactive bladder	NICE state this guidance is applicable to Secondary care - acute Commissioner: NHSE The following implementation tool is available Resource impact statement
MIB225	Helge for detecting haemolysis	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB226	Synergo for non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB227	t:slim X2 insulin pump for managing blood glucose levels in type 1 diabetes	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB228	Novii Wireless Patch System for maternal and foetal monitoring	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.