

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)

Derby and Derbyshire ICB Position Statement Acupuncture

Statement

NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICB has deemed that acupuncture will not be routinely commissioned for pain management

CPAG recognises the NICE guideline ([NG193](#)) and acknowledges that acupuncture is a service that is not routinely commissioned and available across Derbyshire in a community setting

CPAG recognises that the NICE guideline recommends acupuncture for Primary Chronic Pain which is a condition that is difficult to diagnose⁴.

Regarding the economic evidence to support CPAG notes the heterogeneity of the studies, and the number of studies used, should be taken into account when interpreting this analysis.

The ICB 'commissioning intentions', list the service developments that have been agreed as part the planning and prioritisation process.

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

References

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