

DERBYSHIRE JOINT AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE (JAPC) JAPC Review Process

An appeal of a decision by JAPC can be made and usually at the request of a clinician if either:

1. Due process was not followed
2. Not all significant evidence was considered at the time of the decision.

All appeals should be made to the JAPC Professional Secretary in the first instance. The secretary along with the Chair of JAPC will decide if;

- The appeal is inappropriate and respond back to the clinician with an explanation requiring no further action,
- Significant evidence was not considered at the time of review and requires a full review at the next appropriate JAPC.

If the clinician remains dissatisfied with the outcome of an appeal then the matter will be referred to an independent group. Nottingham(shire) Area Prescribing Committee is the agreed independent group for Derbyshire JAPC and will undertake a process review of the drug decision.

Note: if substantial new evidence (e.g. Cochrane review) or National guidance (e.g. published by NHSE or NHS clinical commissioners) has emerged which was not included in the original decision making process, this may prompt a review and a further submission, as per JAPC process. This would be defined as a resubmission/update and not an appeal.

A successful appeal will result in a resubmission to reassess JAPCs decision at the next opportune meeting.