

Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG)

CPAG DECISION MAKING DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic an interim CPAG Terms of Reference have been devised to ensure continuity of CPAG meetings during these extraordinary times. The increased pressures that are currently being experienced by the CCG and providers has necessitated the need to temporarily modify existing arrangements for the running of CPAG meetings and the work-up behind the review/production of clinical policies. These interim arrangements are available at:

http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/assets/Clinical-Policies/CPAG/CPAG_TOR/interim_cpag_tor.pdf

Similarly, an interim Terms of Reference have been devised for the continuity of the Individual Funding Request (IFR) panel during these extraordinary times. The increased pressures that are currently being experienced jointly by the CCG and Public Health have necessitated the need to temporarily modify existing arrangements for the running of IFR's. These interim arrangements are available at:

<http://www.derbyshiremedicinesmanagement.nhs.uk/clinical-policies-home/governance-policies>

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:

- Injections for non-specific back pain
- Vaginal pessaries

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
Tonsillectomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no significant changes to the evidence base since the policy was last reviewed • The criteria have been clarified further for adults and children • Criteria A have been removed from the policy as they are all indications for emergency hospital admissions • In line with the above the Prior Approval PLCV Referral form and the Blueteq form have been updated
Breast Augmentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPAG agreed the policy should be renamed to better reflect the procedure it covers. • No new evidence has been published since the policy was last reviewed in September 2018
Mastopexy (Breast Uplift)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no significant changes to the evidence base since the policy was last reviewed.
Breast Asymmetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no significant changes to the evidence base since the policy was last reviewed

CLINICAL POLICIES UPDATED SUMMARY OF POLICIES

The following clinical policies were updated:

Clinical Policy	Key Updates
Update on Gamete Storage Consultation	The East Midlands wide consultation period finished at the end of March. The East Midlands Affiliated Commissioning Committee is yet to confirm any changes to the policy. In the meantime, CPAG are assured that the DDCCG Gamete Storage Policy is up to date.

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

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, POLICIES AND COMMISSIONING STATEMENTS UPDATED SUMMARY

Policy/ Position Statement	Key Changes
Spinal Cord Stimulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this is a procedure that is only carried out in accordance with NICE guidance, CPAG agreed that a position statement would be of more value at the February meeting
Vaginal Pessaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this procedure is only carried out when clinically appropriate and then managed within primary care, CPAG agreed that a position statement would be of more value at the February meeting
Hip & Knee Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG agreed to move the policy to the not commissioned section of the website to better reflect the CCG's commissioning intentions
Imaging in Management of Morton's Neuroma (Diagnostic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG is not assured that the policy provides any added value as a PLCV and should be moved to the non-commissioned section of the website. CPAG agreed that a position statement would better reflect the CCG's commissioning intentions
Use of Imaging in the Management of Trochanteric Bursitis/Greater Trochanteric Pain Syndrome (GTPS) (Diagnostic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAG is not assured that the policy provides any added value as a PLCV and should be moved to the non-commissioned section of the website. CPAG agreed that a position statement would better reflect the CCG's commissioning intentions

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
MTG47	Episcissors-60 for mediolateral episiotomy	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval
MIB204	Plus Sutures for preventing surgical site infection	Not commissioned without the provider submitting a robust, evidenced based business case to the commissioner and subsequent approval MIB204 Plus Sutures for preventing surgical site infection. Was part of the ITP payment
MIB 205	MIB205 (This advice replaces MIB79) National Early Warning Score systems that alert to deteriorating adult patients in hospital	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.