

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG) DECISION AND JUSTIFICATION LOG

Meeting Date: Thursday 7th November 2024

Updated by: Clinical Policies & EBM Support Officer

Ethical Framework

Chair to ensure that all decisions made are in line with the [ICBs Ethical Framework](#), following examples of evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness, health care need and capacity to benefit, policy driver/strategic fit.

Declarations of Interest

Committee members are reminded of their obligation to declare any interest they may have on any issues arising at committee meetings which might conflict with the business of the ICB.

Declarations declared by members of the Clinical Policy Advisory Group (CPAG) are listed in the Register of Interests and included with the meeting papers. The ICB's Registers of Interests are also available via the ICB's Corporate Governance Manager.

MA* - Matters Arising

Agenda Item number	Agenda Item Title	Owner	Summary of Discussion	Decision & Justification	Action(s)
CPAG11/24 0	Confirmation of Quoracy	JB	CPAG was quorate under the Terms of Reference		
CPAG11/24 1a	Declarations of Interest for today's meeting	JB	No Declarations of Interest were made		
CPAG11/24 4a	CPAG Bulletin October 2024	TG	No further comments from CPAG	CPAG approved & ratified October 2024 CPAG Bulletin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin to be circulated to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 5a	CPAG Internal Action Log & Workplan	TG	No further comments from CPAG	CPAG noted the Internal Action Log and the progress to date and items pending review on the workplan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update CPAG Action Log
CPAG11/24 6a	MA* – Retrospective Extensions to clinical policies – updated as per	TG	<p>A verbal update was given to confirm that the policy extensions have now been completed and the Derbyshire Clinical Policies website is up to date.</p> <p>These were low Clinical Risk Policies and extended for 3 years.</p>	CPAG noted this information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outputs to stakeholders via external communications

	Septembers meeting				
CPAG11/24 6b	MA* – Update to Pathfinder to include reference to Clinical Policies website	HM	<p>A verbal update was given to confirm that Pathfinder has been updated to include a reference to the Derbyshire Clinical Policies website. This follows the removal of Prior Approval forms on the Pathfinder system which had disrupted policy links.</p> <p>Although prior approval has been withdrawn the DDICB policy criteria continue to serve as a guide for assessing appropriate patient referrals and treatments before referring to secondary care.</p>	CPAG noted this information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 6c	MA* – Clinical Policy Assurance	TG/HM	<p>At the September 2024 meeting CPAG approved the formation of a Short Life Working Group (SLWG) (comprising of a CPAG clinician and a Public Health Consultant) to review the output of 5 ICBs policies.</p> <p>The work of the SLWG follows a desktop review comparing the 5 ICBs policies to Derby(s) and also a deep dive into Nottingham's policies.</p> <p>A good practice meeting between NNICB and DDICB was held in October 2024.</p>	<p>CPAG agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the policy assurance review • approved the scope expansion of the SLWG to include the outputs of the Deep Dive and additional resourcing • noted the output from the NNICB and DDICB meeting • minor changes in Clinical Policies to be reviewed as part of business as usual. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications • SLWG to meet in December 2024, policy assurance report to be tabled at January 2025 CPAG meeting • Link with DDICB Contracting and Business Intelligence to establish a robust process for monitoring performance
CPAG11/24 6d	MA* – Clinical Stakeholder Engagement Process	TG	This paper was deferred to the next CPAG meeting, due to recent updates that were not reflected within the paper.	CPAG noted this information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated paper to be tabled at the next CPAG meeting
CPAG11/24 6e	MA* – Varicose Veins	HM	<p>This was tabled to highlight to clinicians the current DDICB policy for Varicose Veins, it states that symptomatic veins which are purely cosmetic are not treated.</p> <p>Prior Approval is no longer a necessary function of DDICB as referral management remains a provider responsibility. This is aligned to the NHS Standard Contract.</p>	CPAG noted the recommendation to add a 'Clinical Policy Operating Process' statement to the CPAG Bulletin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Policy Operating Process statement to be included within the CPAG Bulletin and communicated to stakeholders • EBM team to raise query with DDICB Contracting/Primary Care

			<p>CPAG members highlighted that GPs are not specialists and reserve the right to refer by letter to secondary care for an opinion; the specialist having reviewed the patient can decide whether a procedure is necessary and if criteria would apply at this point.</p> <p>Referral may also be appropriate for non-surgical interventions.</p>		
CPAG11/24 7a	EBI Updates	JB/HM	<p>In September 2024, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AOMRC) undertook an extensive review of the Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) guidance, updating nine areas covered by DDICB clinical policies.</p> <p>CPAG are reviewing the changes made to the national EBI guidelines and how they align to the following local policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injections for Isolated Lower Back Pain without Sciatica • Removal of Benign Skin Lesions • Grommets for Glue Ear in Children/Removal of Adenoids for Treatment of Glue Ear • Tonsillectomy for Recurrent Tonsillitis <p>A second section of proposals will be presented at the CPAG meeting in January 2025 to agree the criteria for stakeholder engagement.</p>	<p>CPAG agreed to the clinicians recommendations for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injections for Isolated Lower Back pain without Sciatica • Removal of Benign Skin Lesions • Grommets for Glue Ear in Children/Removal of Adenoids for treatment of Glue Ear • Tonsillectomy for recurrent Tonsillitis <p>The DDICB clinical policies are to be updated to reflect the agreed recommendations.</p> <p>A stakeholder engagement exercise with main providers will then be undertaken.</p> <p>Following the stakeholder engagement process, the final</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDICB clinical policies to be updated to reflect the agreed recommendations • Undertake stakeholder engagement exercise with main providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated DDICB Grommets for Glue Ear in Children/Removal of Adenoids for Treatment of Glue Ear policy to be shared with CPAG clinicians, prior to stakeholder engagement

				proposed policies will be tabled at CPAG in January 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final proposed policies to be tabled at CPAG in January 2025 Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 8a	East Midlands Fertility Policy Review - Update	HM	<p>The request to proceed to the "pre-engagement phase was supported by all ICBs at the Joint Committee meeting held in October 2024.</p> <p>An update on the case for change was presented to the Population Health and Strategic Commissioning Committee (PHSCC), who confirmed that they had no objections and agreed to proceed to pre-engagement.</p> <p>The East Midlands (EM) Fertility Policy Review Group are to review next steps whilst the pre-engagement process is underway.</p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of decision-making Business case - Potential outputs of engagement and policy implications <p>Feedback will be collated into report by the DDICB Engagement team and presented to the lead of the EM Review Group where it will be discussed to inform development of the policy.</p>	CPAG noted the progress to the East Midlands IVF Review process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to Population Health Strategic Commissioning Committee (PHSCC) Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 9a	Individual Funding Request (IFR) – Screening/Panel Cases – September 2024	HM	CPAG reviewed the IFR Screening/Panel cases for September 2024 and were assured that no areas for service development have been identified.	CPAG noted the IFR cases for September 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 10a	NICE IPG, DTG, MTG & HTE Updates	TG/HM	It was confirmed that no business cases have been received for any of the NICE outputs.	CPAG noted IPGs, DTGs, MTGs and HTEs for September 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG11/24 13	Key messages received from / going to PHSCC	HM	No further comments from CPAG.	CPAG noted the papers tabled at PHSCC in October 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action

				CPAG noted the papers to be tabled at PHSCC in December 2024.	
CPAG11/24 15a	CPAG MS Teams Meeting January 2025 – confirmation of attendance	TG/HM	CPAG members confirmed their availability for January 2025 CPAG MS Teams meeting.	This CPAG meeting will take place as planned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action
CPAG11/24 15b	CPAG Meeting and Submission Dates 2025	TG/HM	The CPAG meeting and paper submission dates for 2025 were tabled for information. The dates can also be found on the Derbyshire Clinical Policies website.	CPAG members noted the meeting and paper submission dates. MS Teams meeting invites have been sent to members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 5th December 2024 papers to be agreed by email.
Agenda items for December meeting to be received by 12 noon on 18th November 2024 please.