

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG) DECISION AND JUSTIFICATION LOG

Meeting Date: Thursday 6th February 2025

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)
CPAG02/25 1a	Declarations of Interest	JB	No Declarations of Interest were made		
CPAG02/25 2a	CPAG Decision & Justification Log January 2025	JB	No further comments from CPAG	CPAG approved the Decision & Justification Log	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision & Justification Log to be uploaded to DDICB Clinical Policies website
CPAG02/25 3a	CPAG Bulletin January 2025	TG	No further comments from CPAG	CPAG approved & ratified January 2025 CPAG Bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin to be circulated to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG02/25 4a	CPAG Internal Action Log	TG	No further comments from CPAG	CPAG noted the Internal Action Log and the progress to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update CPAG Internal Action Log of all actions and internal tasks
CPAG02/25 5a	Cataract Surgery	TG/HM	<p>There have been no clinical changes to the policy, as no significant, robust evidence has emerged since the last review to justify a major update.</p> <p>The following amendments for clarification have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First eye cataract surgery: The rationale for prioritisation has been added, balancing benefit and 	CPAG approved the Cataract Surgery Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outputs to stakeholders via external communications

			<p>affordability. This explains why criteria for second eye surgery are stricter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second eye cataract surgery: The criteria section has been reworded for clarity, specifying conditions for bilateral surgery. A statement on shared decision-making and holistic assessment addresses safety concerns. • Toric Intraocular Lenses: The DDICB commissioning position has been clarified following multiple Individual Funding Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toric Intraocular Lenses for astigmatism correction in patients undergoing cataract surgery is not normally funded by ICBs. This is due to a lack of quality evidence regarding the long term clinical effectiveness of this procedure. 		
CPAG02/25 6a	EBI – Injections for Isolated Lower Back Pain without Sciatica	TG	<p>At the January 2025 CPAG meeting, CPAG agreed to pause adoption of the updated guidance, which is aligned to EBI, pending further stakeholder engagement with Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CRHFT). University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (UHDBFT) have previously responded. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) are to be informed of the update.</p> <p>Following the feedback received from CRHFT, no further action was required.</p>	<p>CPAG agreed to adopt National EBI guidance, as it provides more detailed recommendations. Consequently, the DDICB Lumbar Radiofrequency Facet Joint Denervation Policy will be retired, as it is now covered under the updated EBI guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG02/25 7a	Guidance for Enabling Equitable Access to Clinical Imaging Referrals	TG	<p>The Royal College of Radiologists, Society and College of Radiographers, Royal College of Nursing and NHS England have co-developed good practice guidance 'Enabling equitable access to clinical imaging referrals for registered healthcare professionals working in advancing practice roles', outlining principles for ensuring more consistent and equitable access to clinical imaging requests for registered healthcare professionals working in multi-professional enhanced, advanced, or consultant practice roles.</p> <p>This guidance applies across hospital and community care and primary care settings. Employers and</p>	<p>CPAG noted this information and that this has been highlighted to providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications

			<p>individuals involved in imaging requests must ensure compliance with these principles.</p> <p>From 1 October 2024 employers are required to comply with The Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.</p> <p>Stakeholder assurance has been provided.</p>		
CPAG02/25 7b	Interventional Procedures Guidance Policy	TG/HM	<p>The Policy is due for scheduled review.</p> <p>The purpose of the policy is to ensure that Derby & Derbyshire ICB have a consistent approach in considering and implementing NICE outputs e.g. IPGs, MTGs, DGs and MIBs. The policy aims to restrict activity with an approved business case.</p> <p>Minor updates have been made to the wording within the policy following stakeholder feedback, and addition of links added to Appendix 4.</p>	CPAG approved the Interventional Procedures Guidance Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG02/25 8a	East Midlands Assisted Fertility Policy Review - update	HM	<p>The pre "engagement phase of the EM fertility review closed on the 10th January 2025.</p> <p>All the feedback received will be analysed and compiled into a final report. This will be reviewed by the EM Group at a meeting scheduled for mid/late March to inform the next steps.</p>	CPAG noted the update on the East Midlands IVF review process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to Population Health Strategic Commissioning Committee (PHSCC)
CPAG02/25 9a	Individual Funding Request (IFR) – Screening/Panel Cases – December 2024	HM	CPAG reviewed the IFR Screening/Panel cases for December 2024 and were assured that no areas for service development have been identified.	CPAG noted the IFR cases for December 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG02/25 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 December 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to stakeholders via external communications
CPAG02/25 11	Key messages received from / going to PHSCC	HM	No further comments from CPAG.	CPAG noted the papers to be tabled at PHSCC in March 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 6th March 2025 MS Teams Meeting.
Agenda items for March meeting to be received by 12 noon on 17th February 2025 please.