

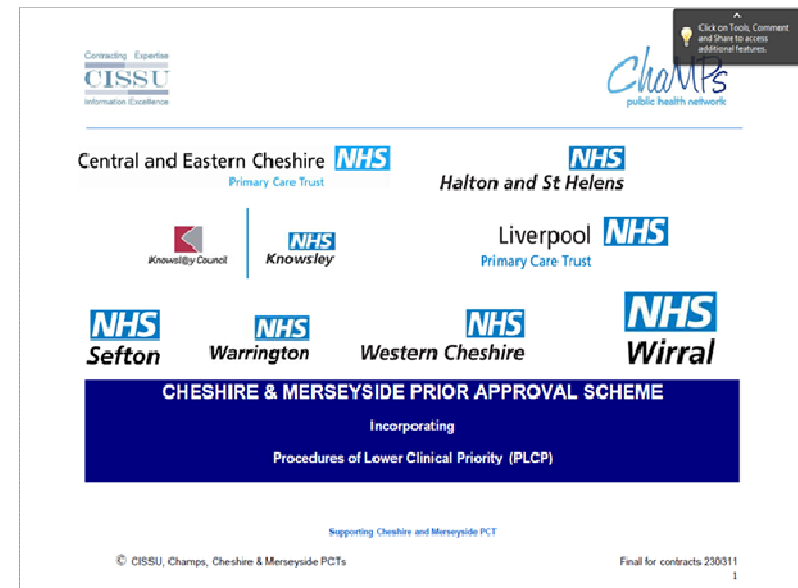


Cheshire & Merseyside CSU

Commissioning Policies Review being undertaken by
the CSU on behalf of the Cheshire and Merseyside CCGs
(Includes Infertility Policy)

What is the Commissioning Policy?

- The current commissioning policy written in 2011 is now due for review.
- A number of areas have had new evidence published.
- A number of areas have now moved and are the responsibility of other NHS bodies e.g. Specialised Commissioning sits with NHS England.
- It contains statements on what the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will provide for their patients.
- It includes statements on areas e.g. infertility service, treatments for viral warts & cosmetic surgery.



Why do CCGs have a Commissioning Policy Document?

- CCGs have a duty to spend public money wisely. As there is only a set amount of money available to spend, CCGs sometimes have to make difficult decisions about which treatments are routinely provided.
- CCGs have to make decisions on the range of health services/treatments that they commission (buy). The majority of services/treatments commissioned are commissioned for the whole population, however some are only clinically effective in very specific situations or for a very narrow group of patients.
- In such cases CCGs commission the service/treatment on a named individual (patient) basis having first assessed that there is evidence that the proposed treatment is clinically effective and that the patient should see a demonstrable benefit from receiving the treatment.



What are the main Commissioning Policy Changes?

1. Removing statements on services that now sit with NHS England (following the recent NHS restructuring).
2. Updating the guidance based on new evidence.
3. Adding in new services/treatments/procedures.

We have rated the policy statements and proposed changes using the following colours described in the key (above).

Key	Description
Red	Important change
Amber	Criteria changes.
Green	Minor word or no changes made.
New Statement	New – Important change
New Statement	New – Moderate Change
New Statement	New – Minor impact



Important Policy Changes

There are a number of new statements contained within the policy. Four key areas have been highlighted as important change:

- 1. Varicose Veins**
- 2. Infertility**
- 3. Penile Implants**
- 4. Continuous Glucose Monitoring**



Communication & Engagement

Stakeholder Group	Action
<p>Patients and the Public – Web content publication date is 6 January 2014. Items to be uploads are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CSU website – full policy document, two page summaries and on-line survey •CCG website – overview statement and colour-coded list of treatments (content in plain English) 	<p>Central CSU Communications Team to advise and direct locality communication leads on timelines and provide all documentation and links. Locality communication leads to utilise local communication channels/mechanisms to direct patients and the public to CCG website.</p> <p>Review documents available on CCG and CSU websites from 6 January 2014 to Noon 7 April 2014</p>
<p>PPG/Local Health Forums and/or interested groups</p>	<p>CCG Engagement Leads sending to practices/colleagues. CSU Engagement Leads will do this on behalf of the CCGs who buy this service.</p>
<p>Third Sector partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CVS •HealthWatch •Carers Organisations 	<p>Central CSU Communications Team to manage this and support 3rd sector partners in web material and supply links. CSU Engagement Lead to ensure consistency in process across 12 CCG localities.</p>
<p>Clinical Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Intranet uploads •GP Bulletin •Provider Bulletin •CCG Boards •Health & Well-Being Boards 	<p>Central CSU Communications Team to advise and direct locality leads on timelines and provide documents & links.</p> <p>CSU Project Lead & Executive Lead to deliver to CCG Boards. GP & Provider Bulletin disseminated throughout the engagement phase.</p>
<p>Overview & Scrutiny Committees MPs</p>	<p>To be determined by CCG, inform MPs at their discretion. CCG to advise CSU Engagement Lead how they wish to proceed re their local OSC, briefing or face to face presentation.</p>



Leaving Feedback

Patients and members of the Public can leave feedback either of the following ways:

- Online – by visiting the CCG website and following the link to the CSU website where they can read in more detail about the draft policy. See link below:

<https://www.cheshiremerseysidecsu.nhs.uk/commissioning-policy-review.htm>

- If people do not have access to the internet please provide the CSU Customer Solutions Service **Freephone 0800 281 2333** number and the team will post out the information to enquirers. The CSU can complete the on-line survey on their behalf over the phone.

- If people are hard of hearing, have sight impairment, English is not their first language or they require the information in an alternative format, please contact the Customer Solutions Centre Freephone 0800 281 2333.



Next Steps

- We need your views on Commissioning Policy, the go-live date for full public and patient engagement was 6th January 2014 and it will run until 7th April 2014 (12 noon).
- Please let your family, friends, colleagues know about the review so that they can provide their views too if they wish.
- An email address has been established for all clinical responses and questions.

