

# PRESS RELEASE

## Have your say on draft health policy.....

XXX Clinical Commissioning Group buys a wide range of health treatments/procedures for local people. Most of these treatments/procedures are routine and aimed at everyone, **such as X and X – we need some examples here.**

However, some treatments or procedures are designed to work in very specific situations or are aimed at a small group of patients, such as treatment for infertility.

Doctors will first assess their patient to ensure the proposed treatment is clinically effective and that their patient will benefit from receiving the treatment or procedure.

From time to time, XXX Clinical Commissioning Group updates this specific list of treatments/procedures, to take into account the latest medical evidence and latest national guidance. New treatments and procedures are also added to the list of what the Clinical Commissioning Group will, or will not, buy for its local population. All of this information is captured in an updated version of its “commissioning policy.”

XX Clinical Commissioning Group needs to consider:

- Whether it wants to put the updated policy into practice
- If it does want to put it into practice, it needs to find the funds to pay for it from its existing budget.

It two options:

1. Put the new policy into practice as soon as possible.
2. Phase in over a period of time to reduce the financial impact.

Before it can make these key decisions, the CCG needs to seek feedback from a wide range of people – not just doctors and nurses and other health care experts but importantly members of the public and existing patients.

XXX Clinical Commissioning Group is already asking a wide range of doctors and local organisations to feed back their views.

Spokesperson for xx CCG said, ‘It is important for patients and local people to know that each patient will be treated as an individual and will not be denied treatment on the basis of cost saving.

‘At xx CCG we want to ensure that we commission the most effective medical treatment for the best of our local population.’

**Patients and members of the public, also have the right to feed their views into this decision-making process. Feedback is needed by midday (noon) on Monday 7 April**

**2014.** All feedback will be taken into account before XXX Clinical Commissioning Group finalises and approves its new commissioning policy.

The new draft policy is complex because it has been drafted for family doctors and consultants. To make it easier for local people to understand what the latest guidance says and what XXX Clinical Commissioning Group needs to decide, it has used a colour key to show people whether the changes to a specific service/treatment area are important (red) and less important (amber). Where the national guidance is proposing changes that are not important, very minor changes or there is no change at all, this has been colour-coded green. New treatments/procedures are colour-coded blue.

There are three treatments/procedures where the latest clinical evidence and national guidance proposes important changes.

These are:

[7.1. Infertility Services](#)

[20.3 Interventional treatments for Varicose Veins](#)

[19.2 Penile \(Penis\) Implants](#)

However, the commissioning policy covers many more specialties including treatments for cataracts, hips and knees, obesity, back pain and much more.

For an easy-to-read explanation of each service area and its new guidance, people should visit: <https://www.cheshiremerseysidecsu.nhs.uk/commissioning-policy-review.htm>

People can also use an online survey to feed back their views at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JLXH8JW>

People who do not have access to the internet can contact the Customer Solutions team for further information on **0800 218 2333**.

People who are hard-of-hearing, have sight impairment, or for whom English is not their first language or if they need an “easy read” format should also contact **0800 218 2333**.

For further information about this commissioning policy review process and to find out about the local opportunities for people to feed back their views, please contact **XX XX at XX** Clinical Commissioning Group, **telephone XXX XXX XXXX**

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