

CCG Clinical Policy Forum Policies – When to Apply for Funding

- CCG web site: <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/>
- Policies, referral proforma, etc available on the CCG Clinical Policies web page:
<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/health-professionals/clinical-policies-and-thresholds/clinical-policies/>
- Exceptional and Individual Funding Request Form – select link: [Funding Request Form](#).
- Funding requests should be submitted to the Exceptional Cases Team on the following secure nhsnet email address: cpccge-ifr@nhs.net

NOTE: It is the responsibility of referring and treating clinicians to ensure compliance with the CCG's policies

Lower Clinical Priority Policies	
Lower Clinical Priority Policy Title	Exceptional Funding required prior to referral
Benign Skin or Soft Tissue Lesions	Complete the specific referral proforma
Bobath Therapy for Cerebral Palsy	EC/IFR funding request form
Complementary and Alternative Therapies	EC/IFR funding request form
Cosmetic Surgery	Complete the specific referral proforma
Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy (ESWT)	EC/IFR funding request form
Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) for the Treatment of Foot Drop of Neurological Origin – no longer a policy in its own right. Now included in the Neurostimulation Position Statement	EC/IFR funding request form
Laser Treatment for Skin Conditions	Complete the specific referral proforma
Open/Upright MRI	Complete the specific referral proforma
Reversal of Sterilisation	EC/IFR funding request form
Coloured Filters/Tinted Lenses for Reading Difficulties	EC/IFR funding request form
Snoring – Surgical & Non-Surgical Treatments Policy merged with Surgery for OSA Surgical Threshold Policy – see below	

Surgical Threshold Policies	
Surgical Threshold Policy Title	Refer direct to secondary care or apply for Exceptional Funding
Assisted Conception – suspended indefinitely.	Where a patient meets the criteria for any of the surgical threshold policies the GP may refer direct to the relevant secondary care clinician by completing the relevant referral proforma.
Bariatric Surgery - Referral for Bunions (Surgical Referral for Hallux Valgus). Merged with the Podiatry Services Policy to become the Foot Care Interventions Policy – see below.	
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	Where a patient does not meet the referral criteria of a specific surgical threshold policy the GP should complete the exceptional funding request section of the referral proforma and submit it to the Exceptional Cases Team. The funding request will be acknowledged and considered at the next available Exceptional/IFR Panel. Please ensure that all relevant sections of the referral proforma are complete – incomplete proforma will be returned.
Cataracts	
Chalazion	
Cholecystectomy for Gallstones	
Chronic Hip Pain	
Circumcision	
Dupuytren's Contracture	
Dyspepsia - Management of in Primary Care and Referral for Endoscopy	
Eyelid and Brow Surgery	
Female Pelvic Organ Prolapse – Management of	
Foot Care Interventions: Podiatry, Laser, Injections and Surgery	
Ganglion	
Grommets & Adenoidectomy: Surgical Treatment of Otitis Media	

Haemorrhoids – Interventions for
Heavy Menstrual Bleeding (HMB) Management of
Hernia Surgery in Adults
Knee Arthroscopy
Low Back Pain – Surgery and Other Invasive Interventions
Lower GI Endoscopy (Colonoscopy or Sigmoidoscopy)
Nasal Surgery for Obstruction or Deformity
Obstructive Sleep Apnoea and Snoring – surgery for
Primary Hip Replacement Surgery
Primary Knee Replacement Surgery
Radiofrequency Denervation
Shoulder Pain – Management of (including referral for surgical assessment)
Shoulder Replacement for Chronic Shoulder Pain
Sterilisation
Temporomandibular Disorders – Management of
Tongue-tie – surgery for the treatment of
Tonsillitis – surgery for: Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy
Trigger Finger
Varicose Vein Interventions

Other Clinical Policies	
Policy Title	When is an Exceptional Case (EC) Funding Request Form Required?
Assessment of Haematuria (presence of blood cells in urine) in Primary Care (previously a surgical threshold policy, reclassified to a Clinical Threshold Policy)	See directions relevant to Surgical Threshold referrals above.
Basal Cell Carcinoma Pathway	Complete an Exceptional/IFR funding request form if the patient deviates from the pathway.
Continuous Glucose Monitors (CPF policy withdrawn). Managed by CCG Medicines Optimisation. Group prior approvals available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGM in adults 19 years and over. • CGM in children and young people under 19 years. • Flash Glucose Scanning GPA for Adults, Young People and Children 4 years of age and old with diabetes mellitus as defined in NHS England criteria, March 2019 	Exceptional funding required for patients who do not meet GPA criteria.
Earwax Removal – Referral for	See directions relevant to Surgical Threshold referrals above.
Familial Breast Cancer	High risk patients only funded – all others require completion of an Exceptional/IFR funding request form.
Hydrotherapy	Where Hydrotherapy is not available locally patients should receive land-based physiotherapy.
Hyperhidrosis - Management of (previously known as the Botulinum Toxin Therapy for Hyperhidrosis Policy)	Group Prior Approval Form available here . Completion of Exceptional/IFR funding request form required where patient does not meet criteria.
Lymphoedema Services	Treatment available locally. Treatment of Lymphoedema by specialist units in the private sector require completion of an Exceptional/IFR funding request form and the involvement of appropriate local services.

Neurostimulation	Complete an Exceptional/IFR funding request form unless the indication is commissioned by NHS England.
Obstructive Sleep Apnoea / Hypopnoea Syndrome (OSAHS) in Adults – Diagnostic Investigations	See directions relevant to Surgical Threshold referrals above.
Pain Relief Services	Treatment in secondary care is via the commissioned service pathways. A request for treatment outside the commissioned service pathways is by Individual Funding Request.
Patient Self Management of Oral Anticoagulation	Complete an Exceptional/IFR funding request form unless covered by local commissioned service pathways.
Photodynamic Therapy for Age-Related Macular Degeneration	Group Prior Approval Form available here Complete an Exceptional/IFR funding request form where the patient does not meet criteria.
Podiatry Services (previously known as the Chiropody Services Policy). Merged with the Bunions Policy to become the Foot Care Interventions Policy – see surgical threshold policies above.	Patients can be referred for podiatry where the patient has a high podiatric need or moderate podiatric need and a medical condition that increases their risk - see the policy for clarification. All other referrals require completion of an Exceptional/IFR funding request form.
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Complete an Exceptional/IFR funding request form for out of area referrals.
Pre-elective Surgery Referral for Stop Smoking Services: 'Stop Before Your Op'.	Patients who smoke and are to be referred for possible elective surgery are required to be referred by their GP or other referrer to stop smoking services. Note: there is no requirement for a patient to have stopped smoking but contact with a stop smoking service (SSS) is mandated prior to surgery.

Further information available from:

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