

NICE Guidance In Relation To Clinical Policies

NICE Technology Appraisals

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group has a legal duty to provide funding for treatments recommended within NICE Technology Appraisals normally within three months of the date of publication unless the treatments have been exempted by the Secretary of State. This duty covers only the condition/s and clinical criteria stated within the Technology Appraisal. The duty does not cover treatments for which the commissioning responsibility lies with another NHS body such as NHS England Specialised Commissioning.

Where NICE Technology Appraisal exists this is the policy of the CCG.

NICE Guidelines and/or Interventional Procedures Guidance and other non-mandatory NICE guidance.

NICE clinical guidelines and public health guidelines relate to whole pathways of care and can make a large number of recommendations spanning all stages of care from diagnosis to treatment. In view of their complexity, NICE clinical and public health guidelines are not subject to statutory funding directions. They are advisory and their local implementation is therefore at the discretion of NHS Wiltshire CCG.

NHS Wiltshire CCG will carefully consider NICE guidelines when developing strategies, planning services and prioritising resources as part of its on-going work to improve the quality of care and health outcomes for the population of Wiltshire. However, the CCG reserves the right to depart from NICE guidance, if the CCG has good reason to do so. The availability of resources and competing priorities can be good reasons.

NHS Wiltshire CCG reserves the right to develop a local policy based on the principles within the clinical policies document and in accordance with local need. Such a policy may or may not be consistent with such NICE Guidance.

Non-mandatory NICE guidance does not form CCG policy unless and until formally adopted as such.

To be read in conjunction with the following documents;

Clinical policies are to be found on the web site under "what we do and do not fund."
<http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do-and-dont-fund>