

Elective Treatment in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

Exceptional Funding Request

BNSSG ICB commissions treatment in England only from several providers in order to enable patient choice and aid patients in securing treatment within NHS Constitution targets.

Funding for patients seeking treatment in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales will not be routinely provided.

Bristol North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) is responsible for making the best use of the NHS funds allocated to us to meet the health needs of our local population. The demand for services is greater than the resources available and therefore we have to prioritise the use of funds carefully. Our approach is to prioritise commissioning treatments, operations or drugs that are most effective in meeting the health needs of the population. All operations carry significant risks and where symptoms are mild or moderate it is likely that the risks outweigh the benefits. Not all conditions progress and when symptoms can be managed conservatively, that is the safest option.

Elective Treatment in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales – Plain Language Summary

Under the NHS Constitution (Dept of Health), patients are entitled to choose to be referred to any organisation that provides clinically appropriate care for their condition that has been appointed by the NHS to provide that service. However, services must be locally commissioned and treatment must be provided within England.

This policy has been developed with the aid of the following:

- Dept of Health. (n.d.). The NHS Choice Framework: what choices are available to me in the NHS? Retrieved May 21, 2016, from GOV.co.uk:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/thenhs-choice-framework/the-nhs-choice-framework-what-choices-are-available-to-me-in-the-nhs> England, N. (n.d.).
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(n.d.). <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/x-border-health/xb-faq/>. Retrieved July 3, 2019, from <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/x-border-health/xb-faq/>

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