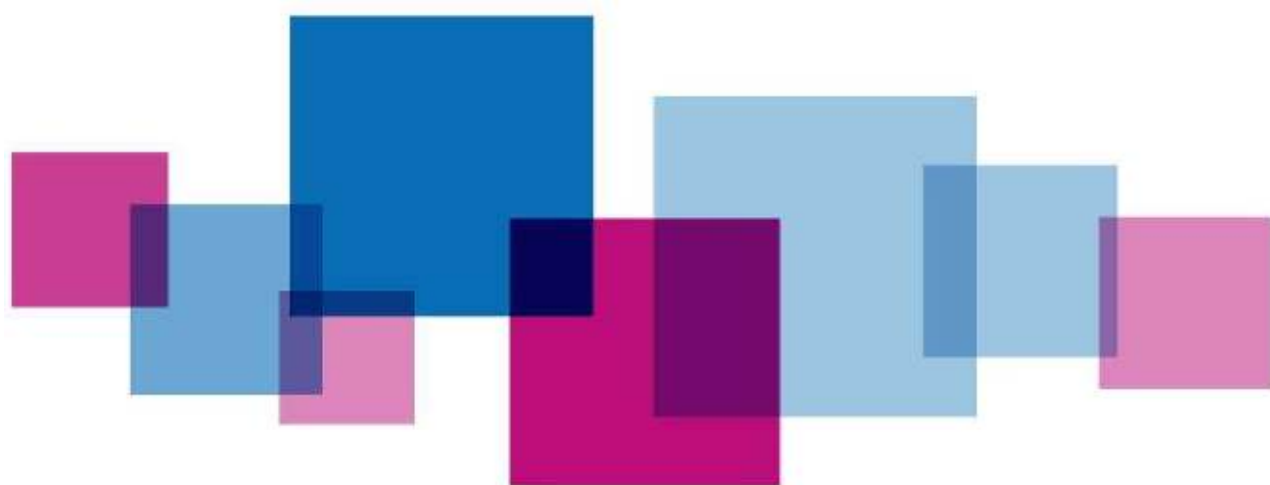


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**THIS TREATMENT IS NOT ROUTINELY COMMISSIONED FOR ANY PATIENTS AND
INDIVIDUAL FUNDING PANEL APPROVAL MUST BE SOUGHT PRIOR TO REFERRAL**

THIS POLICY RELATES TO ALL PATIENTS

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General Principles

Funding approval will only be given in line with these general principles. Where patients are unable to meet these principles in addition to the specific treatment criteria set out in this policy, funding approval will not be given.

1. Funding approval must be secured by primary care prior to referring patients for assessment. Referring patients to secondary care without funding approval having been secured not only incurs significant costs in out-patient appointments for patients that may not qualify for surgery, but inappropriately raises the patient's expectation of treatment.
2. On limited occasions, the ICB may approve funding for an assessment only in order to confirm or obtain evidence demonstrating whether a patient meets the criteria for funding. In such cases, patients should be made aware that the assessment does not mean that they will be provided with surgery and surgery will only be provided where it can be demonstrated that the patients meets the criteria to access treatment in this policy.
3. Where funding approval is given by the Individual Funding Panel, it will be available for a specified period of time, normally one year.
4. Funding approval will only be given where there is evidence that the treatment requested is effective and the patient has the potential to benefit from the proposed treatment. Where it is demonstrated that patients have previously been provided with the treatment with limited or diminishing benefit, funding approval is unlikely to be agreed.
5. In applying this policy, all clinicians and those involved in making decisions affecting patient care will pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation, etc, and will advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. In particular, due regard will be paid in relation to the following characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010: age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

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Homeopathy is a complementary or alternative medicine based on the use of highly diluted substances, which practitioners claim can help the body to heal itself. The National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) advises the NHS on proper use of treatments and does not recommend that homeopathy should be used in the treatment of any health condition.

<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY- Criteria to Access Treatment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INDIVIDUAL FUNDING PANEL APPROVAL REQUIRED</p>
<p>Homeopathy is not routinely commissioned.</p>

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy.

Individual cases will be reviewed at the ICB's Individual Funding Request Panel upon receipt of a completed application form from the patient's GP, consultant or clinician. Applications cannot be considered from patients personally.

If you would like further copies of this policy or need it in another format, such as Braille or another language, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 073 0907 or 0117 947 4477.

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