

## Management of Patients Moving In/Out of BNSSG ICB Exceptional Funding Request

Treatment will not be funded by BNSSG ICB for interventions where:

1. Funding has been secured for a patient before moving in to the BNSSG ICB area for a treatment not routinely commissioned locally.
2. A patient moves out of BNSSG with funding previously secured through the Commissioning Policy process and wishes to take this funding with them.

**Note: BNSSG ICB maintains responsibility for patients who no longer live in BNSSG but are listed with a BNSSG GP.**

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.

### Management of patients moving in/out of BNSSG ICB – Plain Language Summary

A patient's care is funded by the ICB of which their registered GP practice is a member. If a patient is registered to a GP within BNSSG then BNSSG ICB are responsible for funding that patient's care. While a patient remains registered with a GP within the BNSSG area any funding secured can be maintained. If a patient moves out of the BNSSG area after having funding secured and registers with a GP in a different ICB the funding previously secured immediately stops.

If a patient moves out of the BNSSG, then ICB's Exceptional Funding team should be contacted for guidance on how to proceed. In most cases, the ICB under which the patients

new GP is registered will be required to make a decision in regards to honouring any previously agreed funding.

Where funding for treatment has been previously agreed by a commissioner outside of BNSSG, the patient or their GP should make contact with the approver for guidance on how best to proceed.

There is no guarantee that funding secured outside of BNSSG ICB will be honoured by the ICB. Local Commissioning Policies should be reviewed and followed.

1. This policy has been developed with the aid of the following:  
Ash. (2016). Ash.org.uk. Retrieved Sept 24, 2018, from [www.ash.org.uk](http://www.ash.org.uk):  
[www.ash.org.uk/briefings](http://www.ash.org.uk/briefings)
2. <http://www.swindonICB.nhs.uk/index.php/about-us/what-we-do-and-don-t-fund/455-bodycontouring-1/file>. (n.d.). Retrieved 10 23, 2017, from [www.SwindonICB.nhs.uk](http://www.SwindonICB.nhs.uk):  
Psychological distress alone will normally not be accepted as a reason to fund surgery.
3. Thelwall, S. P. (2015). Impact of obesity on the risk of wound infection following surgery: results from a nationwide prospective multicentre cohort study in England. *Clinical microbiology and infection Management of patients moving in / out of BNSSG ICB*

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