

## NICE Guidance In Relation To Clinical Policies

### NICE Technology Appraisals

North Hampshire 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 North Hampshire CCG.**

NHS North Hampshire CCG will carefully consider NICE and other 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 North Hampshire. However, the CCG reserves the right to depart from NICE guidance, if the CCG has good reason to do so.

NHS North Hampshire CCG reserves the right to develop a local policy based on the principles within the Restricted Treatments, Procedures, and Interventions Policy, and in accordance with local need. This Policy and procedures within it 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.**

**NB:** The adoption of non-mandated NICE guidance should be at least cost neutral and within the agreed North Hampshire CCG contract activity plan with. Where the adoption of non-mandated NICE guidance is expected to increase the cost of care or deviate activity from the agreed activity plan, then the provider should present North Hampshire CCG with a full business case, through their Business Team and Contract Lead. Any such guidance should not be adopted or implemented until formally agreed by the CCG.

#### To be read in conjunction with the following documents;

The above policies, along with proforma where applicable will be published on the CSU website ([www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk](http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk) then click 'Hampshire') and publically available through the CCG's website.