NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly commissioning policies equality impact assessment

These policy equality impact assessments should be read in conjunction with the NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly joint comprehensive impact assessment for commissioning policies. All activity figures relate to population data available across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Each policy will be reviewed at different intervals, but all will be reviewed at the time of policy review (currently set at a 3 year period).

Most recently reviewed and updated policies will appear at the top of this list. This is for ease of demonstration purposes to members of the public and at NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly committees during ratification.

Policies that affect adults only

Assisted conception (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		There is an upper age limit of 40 for women accessing assisted conception services. This reflects NICE Guidance and is based on evidence of effectiveness.
Gender		The eligibility of sperm washing is normally indicated for couples who wish to have a child where the male is HIV-positive and the female is HIV-negative, or to minimise the risk of transmission of resistant virus in HIV seroconcordant couples. The use of sperm washing has also been proposed in couples where the male is hepatitis C positive and the female is negative. Sperm washing is not funded by the NHS for couples where the male is hepatitis C positive, because NICE CG156 recommends that couples who want to conceive and where the man is hepatitis C should be advised that the risk of transmission through unprotected sexual intercourse is thought to be low.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		Same sex couples - Same sex couples unable to conceive naturally may be more likely to require assisted conception services. To be eligible for NHS funded fertility treatment same sex couples should be demonstrably sub-fertile. Same sex couples will be assessed if insemination on at least six non-stimulated cycles over a period of one year has failed to lead to a pregnancy, in the absence of known reproductive pathology. They should have access to professional consultation, independent advice and counselling in reproductive medicine to obtain advice and information on the options available to them. If a same sex couple has a diagnosed fertility problem on investigation, then their sub fertility will be treated but NHS funding will not be available for either donor insemination (for same sex female couples) or for funding of surrogacy arrangements (for same sex male couples). This is on the basis that unless they are medically sub fertile their childlessness is due to the absence of gametes of the opposite sex and not due to both a medical cause and related healthcare need. The clinician should discuss with the couple the feasibility and preparedness of the other partner trying to conceive before proceeding to interventions involving the sub-fertile partner.
Gender reassignment		This population group may require cryopreservation to preserve fertility services. This population group can access assisted conception services if the criteria of the commissioning policy are met.
Marriage and civil partnership		The assisted conception service is equally accessible to married couples or people in a civil partnership. All couples should be in a stable relationship (at least two years), to fit with the definition of infertility.
Pregnancy and maternity		People receiving assisted conception services will not be within this protected group.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Botox injection for the ageing face (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Direct access DXA scanning to help target treatment in adults at potential risk of osteoporotic (fragility) fracture (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Enhanced external counterpulsation for patients with severe ischaemic heart disease (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Face lift or brow lift (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Haemorrhoid surgery (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Negative	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Hernia management and repair in adults

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Negative	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Hip impingement syndrome (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		The hip impingement syndrome policy mentions that patients aged between 18 and 50 years are likely to gain most benefit.
Gender		
Disability		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Injections for non-specific low back pain without sciatica (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	For spinal back problems increase in rate as age increases. There is also a link to occupation. Post-menopausal women can be affected by osteoporosis. Co-morbidity and severity of needs can be a factor in clinical decision making.
Gender	Neutral	Women have a slightly higher rate of lower back and neck pain than men in England, this is more evident in later life secondary to osteoporosis (impact relates to radiofrequency denervation, and lower back pain with/without sciatica policies).
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Laryngeal or voice box surgery (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		Voice box surgery is not commissioned as part of the treatment for patients undertaking the gender dysphonia pathway.
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Lumbar radiofrequency facet joint denervation (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Multifocal intraocular lenses in treatment of adults with cataracts (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		The multifocal intraocular lenses in treatment of adults with cataracts policy will consider requests to fund for children with rare cataract conditions on an individual patient basis
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Musculoskeletal corticosteroid injections (criteria based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

One-step nucleic acid amplification as an intra-operative diagnostic method for detecting metastasis in breast cancer (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Referral for bariatric surgery (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 18 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	An assessment will be considered for bariatric surgery for people of Asian family origin who have recent-onset type 2 diabetes at a lower BMI than other populations as long as they are also receiving or will receive assessment in a tier three service (or equivalent).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Resurfacing procedures: dermabrasion, chemical peels and Laser treatment (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Revisional metabolic and bariatric Surgery (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 18 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	An assessment will be considered for bariatric surgery for people of Asian family origin who have recent-onset type 2 diabetes at a lower BMI than other populations as long as they are also receiving or will receive assessment in a tier three service (or equivalent).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Scans for shoulder pain and guided injections for shoulder pain (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Sperm washing (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		The eligibility of sperm washing is normally indicated for couples who wish to have a child where the male is HIV-positive and the female is HIV-negative, or to minimise the risk of transmission of resistant virus in HIV seroconcordant couples. The use of sperm washing has also been proposed in couples where the male is hepatitis C positive and the female is negative. Sperm washing is not funded by the NHS for couples where the male is hepatitis C positive, because NICE CG156 recommends that couples who want to conceive and where the man is hepatitis C should be advised that the risk of transmission through unprotected sexual intercourse is thought to be low.
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Spinal cord stimulation for chronic pain (criteria based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Surgical correction of strabismus or amblyopia in adults (criteria based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) single post instillation of mitomycin C (SPI-MMC) (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	This policy is for 19 years and over. Access criteria to the policy is based on age and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Venous angioplasty for multiple sclerosis (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Vitreous floaters (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Weight loss medications commissioning policy
Date updated: 27 November 2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Licensed for use for adults (18+) only	GLP-1 medicines such as semaglutide (Wegovy), liraglutide (Saxenda), and tirzepatide (Mounjaro) are licensed for: adults (18+) with obesity or overweight plus weight-related comorbidities, alongside diet and exercise.
Gender	None identified	
Disability	None identified	
Race or ethnicity	Mitigated by lower BMI thresholds	Due to an increased risk of health conditions at lower BMI thresholds in these populations the BMI applied to assess eligibility for weight loss drugs must be adjusted by 2.5kg/m2 in people from south Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African or African Caribbean ethnic backgrounds to ensure equitable clinical provision and access to appropriate treatment.
Religion or belief	None identified	
Sexual orientation	None identified	
Gender reassignment	None identified	There is no published evidence that GLP-1 RAs adversely affect people who are: Undergoing gender reassignment, Proposing to undergo, or Have undergone gender reassignment, including those on gender-affirming hormone therapy (e.g., oestrogen or testosterone).
Marriage and civil partnership	None identified	

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	Not clinically recommended	GLP-1 RAs (e.g., semaglutide, liraglutide, tirzepatide) are **contraindicated in pregnancy** according to NICE guidance. Women planning pregnancy should stop GLP-1 RAs at least 2 months before conception due to their long half-life and prolonged systemic effects:
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None identified	

Policies that affect all genders and ages

Abdominoplasty or apronectomy (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 05 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on an individual's age, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Gender	None	More women are associated with wanting an abdominoplasty than men. However, treatment via this procedure is not routinely commissioned regardless of gender.
Disability	None	People who have previously been obese and undergone significant weight loss or weight loss surgery are more likely to experience excessive skin as a result of their weight loss. Regardless of this, treatment for this procedure is not routinely commissioned regardless of disability.
Race or ethnicity	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on an individual's race or ethnicity, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on an individual's religion or belief, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Sexual orientation	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on an individual's sexual orientation, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Gender reassignment	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on gender reassignment, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined based on an individual's marriage or civil partnership, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Abdominoplasty and apronectomy is a not routinely commissioned procedure. Access to treatment is not determined on an individual's pregnancy or maternity protected characteristic, but the fact that there is limited clinical effectiveness for the treatment and that it is deemed to be done for an aesthetic reason alone.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Nothing identified

Alfa pumps for the removal of ascites due to liver disease (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Appendectomy without confirmation of appendicitis (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	

Appropriate colonoscopy in the management of hereditary colorectal cancer (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Arthroscopic shoulder decompression for sub-acromial shoulder pain (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Arthroscopic surgery for meniscal tears (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Blepharoplasty (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Bunion surgery (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Carpal tunnel syndrome release (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Cataract surgery (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Chalazia (Meibomian cysts) removal (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Meibomian cysts may cause astigmatism and visual development could potentially be at risk up until the age of 10, in these circumstances the removal of the cyst may be undertaken as an exception to the decision not to fund the procedure. Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Chronic fatigue syndrome (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		For the chronic fatigue syndrome policy if under 16 must be under the care of a Paediatrician.
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Closure of patent foramen ovale for migraine (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Complementary medicines/therapies (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Congenital vascular lesions (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Continuous glucose monitors

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		For continuous glucose monitors the criteria is split by age ranges as per T1 DM NICE guidance for pumps, and in line with the Association of Children's Diabetes Clinicians recommendations for younger children and their inability to recognise and respond to hypoglycaemia.
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Continuous positive airway pressure for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnoea/hypopnoea syndrome (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Correction of chest wall deformity for cosmetic purposes (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Cosmetic genital procedures (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Dermatology - acne and psoriasis (acne - not routinely commissioned policy) and (psoriasis – criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Psoriasis affects around 2% of people in the UK. It can start at any age, but most often develops in adults under 35 years old. Regardless of age, if the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment. Acne treatment with pulse dye laser treatment is not routinely funded regardless of a person's age. Other treatment options are available.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender	None	Psoriasis affects men and women equally - Regardless of gender, if the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment. Acne treatment with pulse dye laser treatment is not routinely funded regardless of a person's gender. Other treatment options are available.
Disability	None	Regardless of disability, if the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment. Acne treatment with pulse dye laser treatment is not routinely funded regardless of a person's disability. Other treatment options are available.
Race or ethnicity	None	Psoriasis is more prevalent in individuals of white ethnic background. However regardless of race or ethnicity, if the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment. Acne treatment with pulse dye laser treatment is not routinely funded regardless of a person's race or ethnicity. Other treatment options are available.
Religion or belief	None	Access to treatment under the psoriasis policy is not influence by religion or belief. If the clinical criteria is met, individuals can access treatment. Access to treatment under the acne policy is not influenced by religion or belief – it is not routinely available to anyone.
Sexual orientation	None	Access to treatment under the psoriasis policy is not influenced by sexual orientation. If the clinical criteria is met, individuals can access treatment. Access to treatment under the acne policy is not influenced by sexual orientation – it is not routinely available to anyone.
Gender reassignment	None	Access to treatment under the psoriasis policy is not influenced by gender reassignment. If the clinical criteria is met, individuals can access treatment. Access to treatment under the acne policy is not influenced by gender reassignment – it is not routinely available to anyone.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	Access to treatment under the psoriasis policy is not influenced by marriage of civil partnership. If the clinical criteria is met, individuals can access treatment. Access to treatment under the acne policy is not influenced by marriage or civil partnership – it is not routinely available to anyone.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Pregnancy and maternity does not prevent access to the pathway but some elements of the pathway including certain medications may not be suitable to undertake during pregnancy due to the risk posed to the foetus or mother.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Nothing identified

Desensitizing light therapy in the management of severe polymorphic light eruption (criteria based access policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Polymorphic light eruption is thought to affect about 10 to 15% of the UK population.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	It usually starts between the ages of 20 and 40, although it sometimes affects children. The access criteria for this policy is not determined by age. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their age.
Gender	None	PMLE affects more women than it does men. The access criteria for this policy is not determined by gender. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their gender.
Disability	None	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by disability. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of any disability
Race or ethnicity	None	It particularly affects people who are fair, although it can also affect those with dark skin. The access criteria for this policy is not determined by race or ethnicity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	None	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by religion or belief. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	None	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by sexual orientation. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their sexual orientation.
Gender reassignment	None	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by gender reassignment. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of this.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by marriage or civil partnership. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Polymorphic light eruption is not known to affect people who are pregnant more than any other group. Pregnancy and maternity does not prevent access to the pathway but some elements of the pathway including light therapy may not be suitable to undertake during pregnancy due to the risk posed to the foetus.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Nothing identified

Diagnostic and therapeutic knee arthroscopy (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Diagnostic coronary angiography for low risk, stable chest pain

Date updated: 12 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Negative	This guidance applies to adults aged 19 years and over
Gender	Neutral	Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on their gender
Disability	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by disability. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of any disability
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by race or ethnicity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their race or ethnicity.
Religion or belief	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by religion or belief. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by sexual orientation. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their sexual orientation.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by gender reassignment. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of this
Marriage and civil partnership		The access criteria for this policy is not determined by marriage or civil partnership. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		Nothing identified

Divarication of recti (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Dupuytren's contracture release in adults (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Excision of acromio-clavicular joint or arthroscopic surgical decompression for sub-acromial shoulder pain (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Exercise ECG for screening for coronary heart disease

Date updated: 12 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Negative	This guidance applies to adults aged 19 years and over
Gender	Neutral	Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on their gender

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by disability. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of any disability
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by race or ethnicity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their race or ethnicity.
Religion or belief	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by religion or belief. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by sexual orientation. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their sexual orientation.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by gender reassignment. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of this
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by marriage or civil partnership. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by pregnancy or maternity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Nothing identified

Exogen ultrasound bone healing (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Treatment not funded for patients that have not reached skeletal maturity, i.e. the growth plates of children or adolescents that have not fully matured or “closed”, a normal finding in the x-rays of young people. Treatment with Exogen ultrasound bone healing for anyone who meets this exclusion criteria is not supported by clinical evidence and is contra-indicated.
Gender	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Disability	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Race or ethnicity	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Religion or belief	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Sexual orientation	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Gender reassignment	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	People who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access treatment.
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Treatment not funded for pregnant women. Treatment with Exogen ultrasound bone healing for anyone who meets this exclusion criteria is not supported by clinical evidence and is contra-indicated.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Treatment not funded for people fitted with a pacemaker or with a vertebral/skull fracture. Treatment with Exogen Ultrasound bone healing for anyone who meets this exclusion criteria is not supported by clinical evidence and is contra-indicated.

Extracorporeal shockwave therapy (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Flash glucose monitors (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Ganglion excision (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Grommet insertion with or without glue ear (National evidence based intervention in Children)

Date update: 10 April 2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Insertion of grommets in children is commissioned where patients meet the criteria. Insertion of grommets in adults is commissioned where patients meet the criteria. Glue ear is much more common in children than in adults.
Gender	None	There is no evidence available to demonstrate whether one gender is affected by glue ear than another. Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not gender.
Disability	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not disability.
Race or ethnicity	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not race or ethnicity.
Religion or belief	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not sexual orientation.
Gender reassignment	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not gender reassignment.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not marriage of civil partnership.
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Access to treatment is based on clinical criteria and not pregnancy or maternity
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	No specific impact identified

Haemorrhoid surgery (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Hair depilation (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Gender	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Disability	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Race or ethnicity	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Religion or belief	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Sexual orientation	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Gender reassignment	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for any patients as this is classed as aesthetic surgery.

Hyperhidrosis treatment (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	None	Hyperhidrosis occurs both in children and adults, with the average age of onset of primary hyperhidrosis being 14-25 years Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Gender	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Disability	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Race or ethnicity	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Religion or belief	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Sexual orientation	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Marriage and civil partnership	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Pregnancy and maternity	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	None	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission hyperhidrosis treatment for any patients due to its limited clinical effectiveness.

Inverted nipple correction (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Knee arthroscopy for patients with osteoarthritis (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Laparoscopic ventral rectopexy and STARR (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Laser hair removal for pilonidal disease (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Typically occurs in the late teens to early twenties, decreasing after age 25 and rarely occurs after age 45. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery.
Gender	Neutral	Incidence of pilonidal disease is about 26 per 100,000 population. Pilonidal disease occurs predominantly in males, at a ratio of about 3 or 4:1. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery.
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Pilonidal disease occurs predominantly in white patients. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission laser hair removal for pilonidal disease in any patients as it is considered to be aesthetic surgery
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	No impact identified

Laser surgery for short sight (myopia) (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Liposuction (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission liposuction as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Multiple chemical sensitivity and clinical ecology/environmental medicine (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Open magnetic resonance imaging scanning (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Optical coherence tomography (OCT) use in diabetic retinopathy referral (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 18 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation for urinary incontinence (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Population screening outside of national screening committee guidelines (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Pre operative electrocardiogram (ECG) (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Pre-operative chest x-ray (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Radiofrequency ablation for Barretts oesophagus (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Raised intraocular pressure (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Removal of adenoids (adenoidectomy) (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Adenoidectomies are normally only provided to children 18 years or under but there are circumstance where they are provided to adults (see the criteria based access). All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Removal of benign skin lesions (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service. However if the individual has a benign skin lesions which prevents them from wearing their glasses or hearing aids, funding will be approved as an exception.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Removal of tattoos (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of tattoos as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Repair of lobe of external ear (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Replacement hearing aids

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data:

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	A significant proportion of individuals with hearing loss will have developed this as a result of age-related hearing loss. 97% of people with hearing loss in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are over 41 years of age. If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their age. All individuals under the age of 18 are exempt from the policy criteria.
Gender	Neutral	Hearing loss is comparative across genders. If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their gender.
Disability	Positive	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their disability. The criteria based access makes concessions for individuals who are defined as having a dual sensory loss (hearing and visual impairment), a learning disability or dementia diagnosis.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their race or ethnicity.
Religion or belief	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of their sexual orientation.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of gender reassignment.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of marriage and civil partnership.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	If the criteria based access for the policy is met, individuals will be eligible to receive replacement hearing aids regardless of pregnancy and maternity.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Positive	Individuals on a low income and in receipt of qualifying benefits will not be expected to pay for their replacement hearing aids.

Rhinoplasty (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinoplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Scars and keloids (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Younger people between the ages of 10 and 30 are more likely to develop keloid scars. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Gender	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Keloid scars can affect anyone, but they're more common in people with dark skin and it is thought they may run in families. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission removal of scars and keloids as there is limited clinical effectiveness that this treatment will be successful and often results in larger wound or the keloid regrowing.

Shave or surgical rhinophyma (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Whilst rhinophyma can occur in anyone, it is most common between the ages of 50 and 70. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission repair of lobe to the external ear as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender	Neutral	Whilst rhinophyma can occur in anyone, it is most common in males. Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Disability	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Other risk factors for rhinophyma include: • having fair skin • having a family history of rosacea Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission rhinophyma surgery as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Skin camouflage services (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 10 May 2021

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Gender	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Religion or belief	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	If the clinical criteria for access is met by the person, then access to the treatment is funded regardless of any protected characteristics.

Surgical intervention for chronic rhinosinusitis (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Tonsillectomy for recurrent tonsillitis (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Troponin Test

Date updated: 12 May 2021

Activity data

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	This guidance is not determined by age
Gender	Neutral	Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on their gender
Disability	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by disability. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of any disability
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by race or ethnicity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their race or ethnicity.
Religion or belief	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by religion or belief. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their religion or belief.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by sexual orientation. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their sexual orientation.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by gender reassignment. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of this
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by marriage or civil partnership. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	The access criteria for this policy is not determined by pregnancy or maternity. If the clinical criteria for the policy is met, individuals can access treatment regardless of their marriage or civil partnership
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	Nothing identified

Troublesome earwax (removal in secondary care) (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated: 30 March 2021

Activity data: 922 patients had removal of ear wax from the auditory canal in 19/20 and a further 7600 procedures were undertaken for specific clearance of the auditory canal during the same period. It is not possible to clearly demonstrate how many of these people had microsuction for ear wax but the aural care department at RCHT averages 20 referrals per week for ear wax only.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	• People who are hearing aid wearers may experience more problems relating to earwax build up as consequence of their hearing aid moulds pushing the wax back down the ear canal. • However, access to the service is not restricted on age – if the criteria is met, all adults can be seen in this service
Gender	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on their gender. • It is not clearly identified if more men or women are predisposed to earwax.
Disability	Neutral	• People with hearing loss who are hearing aid users, may experience more issues with ear wax as there hearing aids may push wax further into the ear canal. • Hearing aid users who are predisposed to earwax, may benefit from good compliance with the use of wax softeners on a regular basis
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	• Early studies indicate that ear wax appearance is different based on a person's ethnicity. There is no evidence current to suggest that a person's ethnicity predisposes them to have more issues with ear wax
Religion or belief	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone because of their religion or belief. If the criteria outlined in the policy is met, all adults can be seen in this service
Sexual orientation	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone because of their sexual orientation. If the criteria outlined in the policy is met, all adults can be seen in this service
Gender reassignment	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on gender reassignment. If the criteria outlined in the policy is met, all adults can be seen in this service

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on marriage of civil partnership. If the criteria outlined in the policy is met, all adults can be seen in this service
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	• Access to the service is not restricted to anyone based on pregnancy and maternity. If the criteria outlined in the policy is met, all adults can be seen in this service
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Negative	• People may not access healthcare if they are for example isolated or homeless - access to service is via a GP referral. • Currently if the criteria for secondary care service is not met, some individuals may have the means to try private treatment with independent providers, which creates inequity against those people who are unable to pay.

Varicose veins (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Policies that affect children only

Brachycephaly in children (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	The guidance applies to children 2 years and younger. Access criteria to the policy is based on age and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Congenital ear deformity correction surgery - including pinnaplasty (not routinely commissioned)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		Congenital ear deformity correction surgery - including pinnaplasty are usually performed on children aged 0-18 years only.
Gender		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Disability		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Race or ethnicity		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Religion or belief		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Sexual orientation		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Gender reassignment		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Marriage and civil partnership		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Pregnancy and maternity		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		Regardless of protected characteristics, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly does not routinely commission pinnaplasty as this is deemed as aesthetic (cosmetic surgery).

Grommets including in the treatment of glue ear in children (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	This policy is for children 12 years and under. There is a separate policy for adults, which includes 12 years and above. Access criteria to the policy is based on age and on clinical criteria for treatment.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Paediatric speech and language therapy in secondary care (criteria based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		Paediatric speech and language therapy in secondary care is available to children aged 18 years and under only for feeding and swallowing difficulties
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Polysomnography for children (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		Polysomography is appropriate for children in only a limited number of cases.
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Policies that affect females only

Annual MRI breast screening (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		Annual MRI breast screening are not normally offered to patients before their 20th birthday, patients eligible are aged 20 to 29, 30 to 49, 50-69. Aged 70 above are not normally funded.
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Breast asymmetry (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Breast augmentation (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Breast lift (mastopexy) (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Breast reduction (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service. National guidance states this policy is purely for women. There is a separate policy for male breast reduction surgery for gynaecomastia.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Dilatation and curettage for heavy menstrual bleeding (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Elective caesarean section for non-clinical reasons (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Female sterilisation (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Hymenorrhaphy (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Hysterectomy for heavy menstrual bleeding (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Investigation and onward referral of women with recurrent urinary tract infections (rUTIs) (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Labiaplasty (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Mirena coils (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Reversal of female sterilisation (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		In relation to the female sterilisation policy additional care must be taken when counselling people under 30 years of age or people without children who request sterilisation
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Revision mammoplasty (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	The revision mammoplasty policy does not apply to women who have undergone breast reconstruction following surgery for cancer.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Routine doppler ultrasound of umbilical and uterine artery in antenatal care (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Vaginoplasty (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Policies that affect males only

Artificial urinary sphincters for men with post-prostatectomy incontinence (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Cystoscopy for uncomplicated lower urinary tract symptoms (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is for people aged 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is for adult males. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Epididymal cysts (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Hydroceles in males (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		Hydroceles may occur in both genders, however the hydroceles in males policy only considers hydroceles in males over 2 years old.
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Male breast reduction surgery for gynaecomastia (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Male pattern baldness

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		•
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Male sterilisation (vasectomy) (criteria-based access policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Reversal of male sterilisation (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		

Needle biopsy of prostate (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Policy for 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Penile circumcision (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	The circumcision policy will not be considered on social or religious grounds on the basis that the Department of Health advises that the legality of male circumcision for religious reasons could be in conflict with the human rights act and current child protection legislation. The issue of informed consent when a young child is involved is unclear and complex.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

PSA Testing for men aged 80 years and above (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is for people aged 19 years and over. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is for adult males. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Surgical intervention for bladder outflow obstruction (BOO) (National Evidence Based Intervention)

Date updated: 21/01/2025

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age	Neutral	The policy is for 19 years and older. Access criteria to the policy is based on age but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is based on gender and on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Disability	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on disability but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Race or ethnicity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on race or ethnicity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Religion or belief	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on religion or belief but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on sexual orientation but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on gender reassignment but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on marriage or civil partnership but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	Access criteria to the policy is not based on pregnancy or maternity but on clinical criteria for treatment. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)	Neutral	None identified. All patients who satisfy referral criteria will be entitled to the service.

Testicular prosthesis (not routinely commissioned policy)

Date updated:

Activity data: Click or tap here to enter text.

Characteristic	Impact	Summary
Age		
Gender		
Disability		
Race or ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Other (for example carers, veterans, homeless, low income or rurality and isolation)		