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| **Date:** | 12th October |  | **Report Title:** |
| **Meeting:** | Governing Body |  | HCV STP Policy Harmonisation: Phase One |
| **Item Number:** | 13.1 |  |  |
| **Public/Private:** | Public [x]  Private [ ]   |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Decisions to be made:**  |
| **Author:***(Name, Title)* | Samantha Helmick, Assistant Commissioning Officer |  | Governing Body are asked to support the decisions made at the NL CCG Engine Room and additional actions undertaken by Engine Room and the Commissioning Team.In particular, Governing Body are asked to approve:* Policies are ready for immediate implementation
* Wording amendments to 2 policies
* Criteria/content amendments for 3 policies
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| **GB Lead:***(Name, Title)* | Dr Margaret Sanderson |  |  |
| **Director approval**  | Richard Young |  |  |
| **Director Signature****(MUST BE SIGNED)** |  |  |  |
| **Continue to improve the quality of services** |[x]  **Improve patient experience** |[ ]
| **Reduced unwarranted variations in services** |[x]  **Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire** |[x]
| **Deliver the best outcomes for every patient** |[x]  **Statutory/Regulatory** |[ ]
| **Purpose (tick one only)** | Approval  [ ]  | Information  [ ]  | To note   [ ]  | Decision   [x]  |
| **Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):** |
| Earlier this year, Humber Coast and Vale STP began the process of harmonising the commissioning policies across the 6 CCGs. The policies were divided into three phases. Now approaching the end of Phase One, 26 policies were harmonised through the HCV STP Harmonisation Group – all reviewed by a commissioner and clinician within each of the 6 CCGs. Two meetings were held in July and August between the HCV STP Harmonisation Group, where 22 out of the 26 policies were agreed ready for individual CCG internal processes as well as the Joint Commissioning Committee – Chief Officers, for final approval before being put into contract.18 of the 22 policies were approved by Engine Room on 7th September. Engine Room asked for the outcomes from the other CCGs, and the amendments and queries surrounding the 6 outstanding policies submitted to the HCV STP Harmonisation Group for comment. This information was given at Engine Room on 5th October 2017, where agreement on how to proceed with the 22 policies was reached. It was noted that Governing Body be appraised of the ongoing work and decisions being made at Engine Room in relation to these policies and their implementation |
| **Recommendations** | Governing Body are asked to support the decisions made at the NL CCG Engine Room and additional actions undertaken by Engine Room and the Commissioning Team. |
| **Report history** | 22 policies considered at Engine Room on 7th September, revisited at Engine Room 5th October |
| **Equality Impact** | Yes [x]  No [ ]  |  |
| **Sustainability** | Yes [ ]  No [x]  |  |
| **Risk** | Yes [ ]  No [x]  |  |
| **Legal** | Yes [ ]  No [x]  |  |
| **Finance** | Yes [ ]  No [x]  |  |
| ***Patient, Public, Clinical and Stakeholder Engagement to date*** |
|  | ***N/A*** | ***Y*** | ***N*** | ***Date*** |  | ***N/A*** | ***Y*** | ***N*** | ***Date*** |
| **Patient:** |[ ] [ ] [x]   | **Clinical:** |[ ] [x] [ ]   |
| **Public:** |[ ] [ ] [x]   | **Other:**  |[ ] [x] [ ]   |

**Introduction on HCV STP Harmonisation of Policies: Phase One**

Expanding on the information within the Executive Summary, the two papers produced and presented to North Lincolnshire CCG’s Engine Room for the ratification and approval of HCV STP harmonised policies have been included in the Appendix Table on page 4 for information and background to this paper.

Following the second presentation at Engine Room on 5th October 2017, where members agreed to implement 18 of the 22 policies considered, it was felt that the support of the Governing Body should be obtained and information on the work being undertaken be provided.

Therefore, in addition to the information within the two previous papers (appendix table), the following information has been provided to Governing Body below.

**Update on HCV STP Harmonisation of Policies: Phase One**

At the end of September, a representative of the HCV STP Policy Harmonisation Group took all 22 policies for consideration and approval to the Clinical Advisory Group (CAG). All 22 policies were approved, with the amendment to the Carpal Tunnel policy, reducing the required steroid injections to one.

At the Engine Room on 5th October, members reviewed the 22 policies again and came to the following conclusions:

1. Members felt the following policies were still outside NICE and requested that feedback be obtained from CAG regarding the clinical rationale for approving the following policies, despite concerns raised by NL CCG:
* Carpal Tunnel
* Knee Arthroscopy
* Grommets
1. As per the table 1 on page 3, Engine Room agreed to implement the policies approved at the previous Engine Room on 7th September. This will be managed by the Assistant Commissioning Officer, and will ensure that the policies on the NL CCG website and DXS will be updated simultaneously and the new policy will apply to all new requests received from the implementation date.

As a result, Governing Body are asked to support the immediate implementation of these 18 policies.

1. Policies included in items 2 and 4 (page 3) were agreed in terms of commissioning approach, however it was felt for the Ganglion and Varicose Vein policy that the wording needed to be more explicit and clearer on referral pathways. In relation to the Cataracts policy, members felt more understanding of the significance of the restrictions on the second eye surgery was needed before they could support the policy.

**Conclusion**

Governing Body are asked to support the decisions made at the NL CCG Engine Room and will continue to be updated on the progress of the HCV STP Policy Harmonisation.

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| **Item 1: Engine Room agreed to implement all policies listed in Table 1, with immediate effect.**  |
| ***TABLE 1*** | **NL** | **HULL** | **NEL** | **SCARBOROUGH** | **YORK** | **ERY** |
| ***Abdominoplasty*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***Anal Fissure*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Bunions*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Dilation & Curettage*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***Endoscopic Thoracic Sympathectomy*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***FES*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***Haemorrhoidectomy*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Hip Arthroscopy*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***Hysterectomy*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  |
| ***Liposuction*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Refractive Error*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| ***Reversal of Sterilisation*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Tattoo Removal*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Theraputic/Diagnostic Injections*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Tonsillectomy***  | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Vasectomy under GA*** | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |

**Item 2: Engine Room were satisfied with the commissioning approach, however felt more clarification was needed and wording changed**

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| ***Ganglions*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |
| ***Varicose Veins*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |

**Item 3: Engine Room still felt these policies were outside NICE guidance, requesting clinical rationale for CAG approval. Potential move to amend policies outwith the STP aligned policies and have slight variance in these areas compared to the other CCGs**

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| ***Grommets*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  |  |
| ***Carpal Tunnel Surgery*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  |  |
| ***Knee Arthroscopy*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  |  |

**Item 4: Engine Room felt that specialist advice was still needed before they could support the policy**

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| ***Cataracts*** | Pending | Approved | Approved | Approved |  | Approved |

***Appendix Table***

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| *1* |  | Initial Briefing Paper presented to Engine Room on 7th September |
| *2* |  | Update to Briefing Paper presented to Engine Room on 5th October |