

Engagement Report for Clinical Commissioning Policies

Unique Reference Number	1674
Policy Title	Surgical correction for Pectus Deformities
Accountable Commissioner	██████████
Clinical Reference Group	Specialised Cancer Surgery CRG
Which stakeholders were contacted to be involved in policy development?	<p>A policy working group was established in line with NHS England's standard methods.</p> <p>The draft policy proposition was sent to the following groups for comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised Cancer Surgery Clinical Reference Group (CRG) • Registered stakeholders of the Specialised Cancer Surgery CRG • Specialised Respiratory CRG • Paediatric Surgery CRG Registered stakeholders of the cancer surgery CRG
Identify the relevant Royal College or Professional Society to the policy and indicate how they have been involved	Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in GB and Ireland – the Society is a registered stakeholder for the Specialised Cancer Surgery CRG and were invited to comment as part of stakeholder testing.
Which stakeholders have actually	<p>Feedback on the draft policy proposition was received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in GB and Ireland

been involved?	<p>In addition, individual responses were received from members of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised Cancer Surgery CRG • Specialised Respiratory CRG
Explain reason if there is any difference from previous question	Not applicable.
Identify any particular stakeholder organisations that may be key to the policy development that you have approached that have yet to be engaged. Indicate why?	None identified.
How have stakeholders been involved? What engagement methods have been used?	<p>The draft policy proposition was distributed to stakeholders via email for a period of two weeks of stakeholder testing, in preparation for public consultation.</p> <p>Stakeholders were asked to submit their responses via email, using a standard response and in line with NHS England's standard processes for developing clinical commissioning policies.</p> <p>Stakeholder testing asked the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed that highly specialised products will go for period of public consultation. Please select the consultation level that you consider to be most appropriate. (6 weeks or up to 12 weeks) • Do you have any further comments on the proposed changes to the document? • If Yes, please describe below, in no more than 500 words, any further comments on the proposed changes to the document as part of this initial 'sense check'. • Please declare any conflict of interests relating to this document or service area.
What has happened or changed as a	Five responses were received to stakeholder testing. All comments were noted but no changes to the policy proposition have been made as a result of stakeholder feedback.

<p>result of their input?</p>	<p>One respondent fully supported the policy and the non-routine commissioning position.</p> <p>The remaining four respondents agreed that the current available evidence did support the routine commissioning of surgery for pectus deformities, however felt that based on their clinical knowledge, there were a sub-group of patients that did benefit from surgery both clinically and psychologically. These respondents recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing a particular sub-set of patients to continue to access treatment through setting a degree of severity which would make the surgery justifiable. • Allowing surgery to be commissioned from a select number of centres with prospective registry entry to monitor outcomes. • Considering evaluating this surgical intervention through the Commissioning through Evaluation (CtE) process to allow patients to continue to access treatment and assess impact. <p>It should be noted that outcomes depending on the severity of deformity were considered as part of policy development but no evidence was found to demonstrate that certain sub-groups have improvements in clinical and psychological outcomes.</p>
<p>How are stakeholders being kept informed of progress with policy development as a result of their input?</p>	<p>All stakeholders (including CRG members and registered stakeholders) will be notified when the draft policy proposition goes out to public consultation.</p>
<p>What level of wider public consultation is recommended by the CRG for the NPOC Board to agree as a result of stakeholder involvement?</p>	<p>There were 5 responders to the stakeholder feedback, 2 did not respond to this question, 2 recommended 12 weeks and 1 recommended 6 weeks</p> <p>It is recommended that the policy proposition is subject to 12 weeks of public consultation.</p>

