

Update for GP Bulletin October 2017

Updates to Clinical Commissioning Policies (formerly known as Lavender Statements)

The following policies of interest to GPs have been updated;

6g Aesthetic treatments for adults and children

<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/commissioning-statements/6-Aesthetic-Treatments.pdf>

Oxfordshire has had for many years a policy which states that aesthetic treatments (that is any procedure intended to change aspects of a person's appearance) are not normally funded and the policy states that referrals should not be made for any aesthetic procedure unless an Individual Funding Request has been agreed. The policy has some exceptions (for example symptomatic skin lesions). A new exception has been added to the policy. Patients may now be referred for eyelid surgery, including for ptosis, when the condition interferes with the patient's sight.

88d Optimising Self Care by appropriate use of Over-the-counter Medicines (Restricted Prescribing List)

<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/commissioning-statements/88d-optimising-self-care.pdf>

The phrase "Low Priority" has been changed to "Not normally funded" throughout to provide greater clarity for patients. Additionally bath and shower emollients are not normally funded even if recommended by a specialist dermatologist.

173c Male Circumcision

<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/commissioning-statements/173c-Male-Circumcision.pdf>

This expands the conditions for which male circumcision is funded and makes them explicit within the policy. Guidance on including children in decision making in line with BMA guidance is linked to in the policy.

250b Specialist Infant Formulas

<http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/commissioning-statements/250b-specialist-infant-formulas.pdf>

Previously called "Milk Products" the policy is in line with local guidelines agreed with local specialists and with NICE and other national guidance. It also now uses "not normally funded" in place of "Low Priority" throughout to provide greater clarity for parents and carers.