

## Appendix 1

# Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Sandwell & West Birmingham CCG**

**Harmonisation of Clinical Treatment Policies (Phase 3)**

### Executive Summary

This summary provides an overview of Phase 3 Treatment Policies programme jointly undertaken by Birmingham and Solihull (BSOL) and Sandwell and West Birmingham (SWB) CCGs, the programme methodology followed by the Treatment Policies Clinical Development Group (TPCDG), the clinical and public engagement outcomes, the governance oversight and the policy endorsement process.

This summary will be accompanied by a presentation at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and a document pack which includes: Evidence Reviews; Policy Documents; Patient Leaflets; Equality Impact Assessments, Engagement Report and You Said, We Did Report.

The policies included in Phase 3 for Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG (SWB CCG) and Birmingham and Solihull CCG (BSOL CCG) are listed below. It is highlighted that the other three Black Country CCGs (Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley) also participated in the Phase 3a policy development.

#### Phase 3A - Treatment Policy List:

- Subacromial Pain
- Image guided therapeutic intra-articular joint injections with corticosteroids with/without local anaesthetic
- Image-guided HIGH VOLUME intra-articular injections (40mls+) of saline with or without corticosteroid and/or local anaesthetic

#### Phase 3B - Treatment Policy List:

- Liposuction for Lymphoedema
- Liposuction for Lipoedema
- Bariatric Surgery
- Knee arthroscopy – Acute
- Non-Invasive ventilation
  - Neuromuscular
  - COPD
- Continuous Positive Airway pressure for Obstructive Sleep Apnoea

- Biological / Biosynthetic Mesh for use in Hernia Repair Surgery
- Non-Cosmetic Body Contouring
- Adenoidectomy
- Hysteroscopy for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding

### **High Level Process undertaken by the TPCDG**

- Review and evaluation of Evidence Reviews
- Assessment and evaluation of expert clinical stakeholder feedback
- Evaluation and consideration of NICE Guidance and other regulatory and clinical guidance papers
- Full review and drafting of the initial policies
- Engagement with Sandwell and Birmingham and Solihull Overview and Scrutiny Committees

### **Public & Clinical Engagement Overview**

A joint Public and Clinical Engagement exercise was undertaken from 2<sup>nd</sup> September- 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for both Phase 3a and 3b proposed policies.

- Clinical engagement: 260 primary and secondary care clinical and managerial colleagues were contacted and asked to review and comment on the draft policies, evidence reviews, draft patient leaflets and draft equality impact assessments. Clinical review was also requested from specific clinical groups, national health organisations and charities including ENT UK, the British Hernia Society and the Royal College of Surgeons.
- Public engagement consisted of:
  - A series of public events, facilitated meetings, promotional activities, website articles, social media and questionnaires were used to approach and engage with members of the public, patients and key patient support groups and charities.
- A reader panel of 38 members was recruited to consider the draft patient leaflets prior to the engagement. The panel provided feedback on whether the leaflets were easy to read, easy to understand and if they would benefit from imagery.
- A media release regarding the public and patient engagement was issued to local media to publicise and create awareness around the clinical treatment policies.
- A stakeholder briefing including information on the policies under review and how to feedback into the engagement process with links to additional

information on the website, which was sent to over 500 CCG stakeholder organisations. 88 organisations covering all policies were also sent the briefing.

## **Key Responses of Engagement Process**

- Most respondents strongly agreed with the principles that underpinned the development of the proposed policies.
- A total of 49 questionnaire responses were completed online.
  - Over 80% of respondents strongly agreed that procedures and treatments should be offered to patients consistently and fairly.
  - 80% of all respondents strongly agreed that it should not matter where you live in accessing the provision of NHS healthcare services across the county and equally the eligibility criteria for an individual should be the same.
  - 97% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the clinical treatment policies should be supported by the most up to date clinical guidance and robust clinical evidence.
  - Over 82% strongly agreed or agreed that clinical practices should not be offered if there is limited clinical evidence to support effectiveness.
  - 93% agreed or strongly agreed that treatment should be prioritised to those which provide the greatest benefits.

## **Consideration of the Engagement Feedback**

- Feedback from the engagement was compiled and reviewed by the TPCDG members in a series of presentation and evaluation meetings. The members proceeded on a policy-by-policy basis, considering and reflecting on the feedback received and making a final recommendation as to whether they endorsed the draft policy or if further amendments and updates to the policy were required.
- Two full and detailed 'You Said, We Did' reports have been produced which summarise the high-level clinical and public feedback and the responses of the TPCDG to the points raised during the engagement and are attached in the supporting pack.

## Key Policy Points for Consideration

- In general, the policies were generally well received by both clinical colleagues and patient groups. Some policies received more feedback than others and this can be attributed, particular from the public perspective, to the clinically rare nature of certain policy areas, which meant that members of the general public often had no frame of reference regarding the illness or intervention and so often felt unable to provide an opinion.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Health Oversight and Scrutiny Committee are to:

- note the contents of the Executive Summary and the accompanying suite of documents
- the engagement process with public, patient and clinicians
- note Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG's Strategic Commissioning & Redesign Committee's recommendation to CCG's Governing Body to approve all Phase 3 policies
- note final approval received from CCG's Governing Body on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for Phase 3 policies and the intention to implement from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020
- note BSOL CCG's Clinical Policies Sub-Group Committee's recommendation to the CCG's Governing Body for approval of Phase 3 policies
- approve the 13 Phase 3 clinical treatment policies to be implemented from 1st April 2020