

Anal Skin Tag Removal

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Clinical Commissioning Policy

Anal Skin Tag Removal

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Policy Statement

Sheffield CCG will commission treatments for Anal Skin Tags in accordance with the criteria outlined in this document.

In creating this policy Sheffield CCG has reviewed this clinical condition and the options for its treatment. It has considered the place of this treatment in current clinical practice, whether scientific research has shown the treatment to be of benefit to patients, (including how any benefit is balanced against possible risks) and whether its use represents the best use of NHS resources.

This policy document outlines the arrangements for funding of this treatment for patients where Sheffield CCG directly commissions this service.

Equality Statement

Sheffield CCG has a duty to have regard to the need to reduce health inequalities in access to health services and health outcomes achieved as enshrined in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Sheffield CCG is committed to ensuring equality of access and non-discrimination, irrespective of age, gender, disability (including learning disability), gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (gender) or sexual orientation. In carrying out its functions, Sheffield CCG will have due regard to the different needs of protected equality groups, in line with the Equality Act 2010. This document is compliant with the NHS Constitution and the Human Rights Act 1998. This applies to all activities for which they are responsible, including policy development, review and implementation.

Plain Language Summary

Skin tags are small flesh-coloured or brown growths that hang off the skin and look a bit like warts. They are very common and harmless.

Skin lesions are often referred for specialist opinion because of concerns that there may be a malignancy. This should be done through the appropriate referral route if malignancy is suspected. Once it is established that a skin lesion is not malignant its removal will not normally be funded, though a surgeon may request funding in exceptional cases.

1. Introduction

Removal of Anal Skin Tags is regarded as a procedure of low clinical value and therefore not routinely funded by the Commissioner.

2. Criteria for commissioning

Removal of Anal Skin Tags is not routinely commissioned.

The clinician may submit an application for exceptional funding (Individual funding request policy)

3. Evidence Base

This procedure is considered to be of limited clinical value

McKinnell and Gray, 2010, QIPP Programme Right Care: Value Improvement Identifying Procedures of Low Value, Public Health Commissioning Network.