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Haemorrhoidectomy

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Clinical Commissioning Policy

Haemorrhoidectomy

Prepared by NHS England and adopted by Sheffield CCG

Policy Statement

Sheffield CCG will commission treatments for haemorrhoids 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

Haemorrhoids, also known as piles, are swellings that contain enlarged and swollen blood vessels in or around the rectum and anus. A haemorrhoidectomy is an operation to remove the haemorrhoids.

1. Introduction

Haemorrhoidectomy is regarded as a procedure of low clinical priority and therefore not routinely funded by the Commissioner.

2. Criteria for commissioning

Haemorrhoidectomy will be considered only if:

- Conservative treatment has failed

AND

- Haemorrhoids are recurrent

OR

- There is persistent bleeding

OR

- Haemorrhoids cannot be reduced.

The clinician proposing this intervention will make the decision to treat based on the criteria set out above.

3. Evidence Base

1. Davies RJ. Haemorrhoids. BMJ Clinical Evidence. April 2006. Available at: <http://www.clinicalevidence.com/ceweb/conditions/dsd/0415/0415.jsp>
2. Brisinda G. How to treat haemorrhoids. BMJ 2000; 321: 582-3