

## Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Policy

**Policy Statement 143b: Funding of NICE Technology Appraisals**

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NICE (National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence) Technology Appraisals (TA) will be funded by Oxfordshire CCG within the time specified by the TA under the statutory regulations *Section 7(6) of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013*.

These require commissioning organisations to comply with the recommendations in an appraisal within 3 months of its date of publication unless the drug has been available through the early access to medicines scheme when NHS England and commissioning groups must provide funding to implement such guidance 30 days after publication.

Funding availability is signalled, in the case of drugs, by the traffic light designation on the CCG Formulary (available on the OCCG website). This will be agreed either at the Area Prescribing Committee for Oxfordshire (APCO) or by the action of the APCO chair.

In the case of other technologies the OCCG Clinical Ratification Group (CRG) will agree that the technology will be commissioned.

APCO meets every other month and CRG usually meets monthly.

Funding is only agreed within the recommendation in the NICE TA. Use of a technology outside such criteria will **not normally be funded** and an Individual Funding Request must be made. This is in line with the NHS Constitution 2013.

### NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>
- Oxfordshire CCG clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/policies>