

A meeting of the Governing Body 14th May 2015

ENCLOSURE 20 SOUTH EAST LONDON TREATMENT ACCESS POLICY (SEL TAP) 2015
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a revised South East London Treatment Access Policy (SEL TAP) for 2015. The Governing Body is asked to delegate review/approval to the Delivery Committee.
2. SUMMARY: The six SE London CCGs have collaborated on this policy for numerous years. The policy has been regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in evidence base, national guidance or to provide clarification on identified issues. This work has been led by the SEL Public Health Commissioning Support Group and SEL Directors of Commissioning and Chief Finance Officers Group. A summary of revisions to the policy are listed below;
2.1 New Sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertility preservation – adopted SWL policy • Hair removal – not funded routinely 2.2 Clarifications/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varicose veins – based on new NICE guidelines • Caesarean section – reference to new NICE guidelines • Sperm washing – to follow NICE guidelines • Egg donation – not funded routinely
3. KEY ISSUES: The policy provides access criteria for various interventions which may be controversial. However, these criteria are based on the current agreed evidence base, best practice and national guidance. Every policy review is accompanied by a very detailed critical appraisal of the literature which ensures that access criteria for a range of procedures are based on;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of effectiveness • agreed care pathways with initial conservative therapy followed by surgery if necessary • appropriate threshold for intervention
4. CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES Core Corporate Objectives 2015/16
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>High Quality Care</i> 2. <i>Good Governance</i>
5. CONSULTATION HISTORY INCLUDING MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEL Public Health Commissioning Support Group • SEL Directors
6. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- This year only minor changes and updates were made to the policy, but when new sections are added or significant changes made to existing sections, SEL Stakeholder Reference Group will be consulted.

7. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The impact on equity is unclear. The implementation of consistent criteria should improve equity across South East London. However, there is evidence that more articulate populations may be better able to negotiate the system when there are barriers to service access. Because of the nature of the procedures included, the proposals will impact on women more than men. At this point, these proposals do not appear to have any adverse impact on race equality as they will be applied consistently to all South East London communities.

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