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NHS Gloucestershire buys a wide range of healthcare for the benefit of local people and in the vast majority of cases these treatments are provided at no charge to the patient.

NHS Gloucestershire has an important responsibility to achieve the best possible health outcomes for local people and meet the health needs of the population as a whole.

It is also committed to making best use of the money available and paying for treatments or procedures (e.g. surgery) based on medical evidence of how effective they are.

As part of this, NHS Gloucestershire funds new drug treatments which have been formally approved by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

Treatments Not Routinely Funded

Some treatments are not routinely funded by the NHS in Gloucestershire for the following reasons:

- There may be limited or no published evidence of their medical effectiveness
- They may be considered a low priority for funding (e.g. some cosmetic surgery) compared to other treatments (e.g. certain cancer drugs or stroke care).

Although some treatments are not routinely funded by NHS Gloucestershire, we do have a way of making sure that we can consider cases on an individual basis.

This is when a patient's GP or hospital doctor believes there may be exceptional clinical circumstances (very

particular benefits for that individual's health) and formally requests that NHS Gloucestershire considers funding in that case. Guidance is available to medical professionals to support this.

When this happens, NHS Gloucestershire will set up a Panel chaired by an independent lay person (member of the public) and made up of senior NHS staff and medical professionals to consider the circumstances of that case.

In reaching decisions on individual cases, the NHS aims to:

- take into account and weigh up all the relevant evidence
- take into account the opinion of relevant medical professionals
- give proper consideration to the views of the patient involved and their needs

- act in good faith and make a decision that is in every sense reasonable
- take into account equality and diversity issues to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.

NHS Gloucestershire will contact you to let you know the outcome of the Panel and your options following the decision.

More detailed information

We are currently preparing further detailed information about the treatments that are not routinely funded and guidance on follow up care.

This will be available on our website at: www.nhsglos.nhs.uk. It will also be available on request by contacting NHS Gloucestershire.

Patients should continue to discuss their treatment options with their GP or hospital doctor.

This leaflet provides only a summary of the decision making process.

The detailed Policy (Clinical Priorities Policy for Commissioning Selected Services) as well as the 'Treatments Not Normally Funded' list is already available on the NHS Gloucestershire website (Publications section).