

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

# Labiaplasty, Vaginoplasty and Hymenorrhaphy Criteria Based Access Protocol



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### LABIAPLASTY, VAGINOPLASTY AND HYMENORRHAPHY CRITERIA BASED ACCESS PROTOCOL

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This protocol describes the exclusions and access criteria in respect of Labiaplasty, Vaginoplasty and Hymenorrhaphy. It is applied in accordance with the Policy for Individual Patient Treatments.
- 1.2 This protocol does not apply to patients who are covered under the criteria based access protocol for cosmetic surgery or via specialised commissioning pathways.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Any definitions related to this Criteria Based Access Protocol are included as a Glossary at Appendix B.

#### 3. ACCESS CRITERIA

- 3.1 Labiaplasty and Vaginoplasty are regarded as procedures of low clinical priority. These procedures are therefore not routinely funded by NHS Dorset CCG.

##### **Labiaplasty**

- 3.2 Labiaplasty is generally a cosmetic procedure to improve appearance alone. Requests for Labiaplasty will be considered for the following indications:

- Where the labia are directly contributing to recurrent disease or infection;
- Where there is evidence of trauma to the labia which has led to severe distortion of the anatomy resulting in functional impact.

##### **Vaginoplasty**

- 3.3 Non-reconstructive Vaginoplasty or 'vaginal rejuvenation' is used to restore vaginal tone and appearance. Requests for Vaginoplasty will be considered for the following indications:

- Congenital absence of significant development/endocrine abnormalities of the vaginal canal;
- Where repair of the vaginal canal is required as part of reconstructive surgery following significant trauma.

##### **Hymenorrhaphy**

- 3.4 Hymenorrhaphy or hymen reconstruction surgery, is a cosmetic procedure and is not routinely funded.

#### 4. EXCLUSIONS

- 4.1 **Gender dysphoria** is commissioned by NHS England and is therefore not covered by this policy.

## **5. CASES FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 Should a patient not meet the criteria detailed within this protocol, the Policy for Individual Patient Treatments (which is available on the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group website or upon request), recognises that there will be occasions when patients who are not considered for funding may have good clinical reasons for being treated as exceptions. In such cases the requesting clinician must provide further information to support the case for being considered as an exception.
- 5.2 The fact that treatment is likely to be effective for a patient is not, in itself a basis for exceptional circumstances. In order for funding to be agreed there must be some unusual or unique clinical factor in respect of the patient that suggests that they are:
- significantly different to the general population of patients with the particular condition; and
  - they are likely to gain significantly more benefits from the intervention than might be expected for the average patient with the condition
- 5.3 In these circumstances, please refer to the Individual Patient Treatment Team at the address below:

First Floor West  
Vespasian House  
Barrack Road  
Dorchester  
DT1 1TG  
Telephone no: 01305 368936  
Email: [individual.requests@dorsetccg.nhs.uk](mailto:individual.requests@dorsetccg.nhs.uk)

## **6. INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS**

- 6.1 The provision of information understandable to patients is central to the consent process. All patients should be provided with information on labiaplasty, vaginoplasty and hymenorrhaphy.
- 6.2 In all cases, GPs should provide patients with information related to vaginoplasty on NHS choices <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/cosmetic-treatments-guide/Pages/labiaplasty.aspx> and where appropriate gender dysphoria <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Gender-dysphoria/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Prior to approval from Dorset CCG's Clinical Commissioning Committee this Protocol was previously reviewed by the Maternity and Family Health CDG which includes commissioners, clinicians and other relevant stakeholders.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for this Criteria Based Access Protocol is available on request.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

- 8.1 This Criteria Based Access Protocols was previously formally recommended by the Clinical Delivery Group responsible for the protocol at that time, prior to formal approval by the Clinical Commissioning Committee. This version incorporates a minor amendment to clarify the access criteria in respect of labiaplasty and has subsequently been approved on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Committee in line with processes agreed by the CCG's Governing Body.

## **9. COMMUNICATION/DISSEMINATION**

- 9.1 Following approval each Criteria Based Access Protocol will be uploaded to the CCG's Intranet, Internet and added to the next GP Bulletin.

## **10. IMPLEMENTATION**

- 10.1 Following review of this Criteria Based Access Protocol it was agreed there were no new aspects to be included in this version and therefore no requirement for an implementation plan.

## **11. DOCUMENT REVIEW FREQUENCY AND VERSION CONTROL**

- 11.1 This Criteria Based Access Protocol requires a review every three years, or in the event of any changes to national guidance or when new guidance is issued.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**N/A**

**GLOSSARY**

**N/A**

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B CONSULTATION PROCESS			
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2.0	June 2016	Lianne Oldham, Programme Lead	Miss Audrey Ryan, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Dorset County Hospital

C VERSION CONTROL					
Date of recommendation	Version No	Review date	Nature of change	Approval date	Approval Committee
June 2016	2.0	June 19	Review of protocol and change into new format	June 16	CCC
April 2017	2.1	June 19	Minor amendment to further clarify the access criteria for Labiaplasty	April 17	CCC

D ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy for individual patient treatment, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group</li> <li>Making sense of Local Access Based Protocols, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group</li> </ul>	

E SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE BASED REFERENCES		
Evidence	Hyperlink (if available)	Date
Issues surrounding women and girls undergoing female genital cosmetic surgery explored - Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and the British Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology (BritSPAG)	<a href="https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/joint-rcogbritspag-release-issues-surrounding-women-and-girls-undergoing-female-genital-cosmetic-surgery-explored/?_t_id=1B2M2Y8AsgTpgAmY7PhCfg%3d%3d&amp;t_q=Labiaplasty&amp;t_tags=language%3aen%2csiteid%3a39338ee9-cb61-4e10-a686-">https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/news/joint-rcogbritspag-release-issues-surrounding-women-and-girls-undergoing-female-genital-cosmetic-surgery-explored/?_t_id=1B2M2Y8AsgTpgAmY7PhCfg%3d%3d&amp;t_q=Labiaplasty&amp;t_tags=language%3aen%2csiteid%3a39338ee9-cb61-4e10-a686-</a>	2013
Home Office - Mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation: procedural information	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mandatory-reporting-of-female-genital-mutilation-procedural-information">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mandatory-reporting-of-female-genital-mutilation-procedural-information</a>	2015

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