



Lancashire and South Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)

Level of change document, May 2018, Policy for back pain- spinal injections and radiofrequency denervation

CCG	Current CCG policy	Level of change
NHS Chorley and South Ribble, Greater Preston and West Lancashire CCGs	There is no existing CCG policy for these procedures	If agreed this proposal will introduce a new policy with eligibility criteria that must be met before patients can access spinal injections or radiofrequency denervation (a specialised, x-ray guided heat lesion of nerves around the spinal facet joints).
NHS Fylde and Wyre CCG	Yes: Policy for the Commissioning of Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (Better Care Better Value- Lumbar Spine Procedures)	The existing policy only covers how one type of back pain (non-specific low back pain) should be managed. The revised policy has been updated in line with the latest guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and introduces criteria that must be met to access certain types of invasive treatment for other types of back pain. These include spinal injections and radiofrequency denervation.

NHS Morecambe Bay CCG	Yes: Policy for the Commissioning of Procedures of Limited Clinical Value (Better Care Better Value- Lumbar Spine Procedures)	The existing policy only covers how one type of back pain (non-specific low back pain) should be managed. The revised policy has been updated in line with the latest guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and introduces criteria that must be met to access certain types of invasive treatment for other types of back pain. These include spinal injections and radiofrequency denervation.
NHS Blackpool CCG	Yes: Policy for Managing Lumbar Spine and Spinal /Facet Joint and Epidural Injections	The revised policy has been updated in line with the latest guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). The policy has been updated to ensure the number of injections provided is consistent, regardless of the type of injection provided, for both radicular and specific low back pain. Changes to the criteria around the use of radiofrequency denervation.