

APC Commissioning Statement Decision Making Criteria

Patient Safety	
	Any relevant MHRA, FDA, EMA, NHS Evidence safety alerts or concerns?
	Improved safety versus other medicines/treatment options used in pathway?
	Is there a safety impact of not commissioning?
Clinical Effectiveness	
	Strength of evidence (metanalysis, RCT, case reports, other trial types)
	Is the evidence for patient orientated outcomes (e.g. reduced morbidity, reduced mortality)?
Cost Effectiveness/Resource Impact	
	Is treatment cost effective (QALY - £20-30k)?
	What is the cost relative to other treatment options? Is the total cost comparable?
	Will implementing increase or decrease activity in provider organisations?
	Is a business case required?
Treatment Pathways	
	Place in therapy relative to other available treatments?
	Does it significantly change the current treatment pathway?
	- additional option
	- shorter pathway to effective treatment
	- more patient friendly e.g. less invasive procedures? Less appointments
	Is a new/revised treatment pathway required?
	Does it address an unmet health need?
Equity of Access	
	Does funding this medicines reduce access for other patients with other conditions to equally or more effective treatments?
	Are the patient criteria justifiable? I.e. similar restrictions to treatment compared with other disease areas?
Local Priorities	
	How does this align to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and local NHS commissioning strategies?
Stakeholder Views	
	What are the views of local clinicians, specialists and provider organisations? Are the views departmental/organisational views or those individuals?
	Are there specific patient views that need to be taken into account?
National Guidance	
	Scottish Medicines Consortium Guidance?
	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group?
	NICE Clinical Guideline? Has a cost effectiveness review been carried out?
	Is the guidance up to date? Is there new evidence since guideline production?
	Other local/regional guidance? e.g. Greater Manchester Medicines Group