# Position Statement on the Consideration of Devices by the Clinical Policies Development Group and Individual Funding Request Panel

**Purpose of Statement**

This statement is designed to provide clinicians, commissioners and providers guidance on the appropriateness of submitting devices to the above groups for consideration.

# Key Points

The Clinical Policies Development Group (CPDG) and Individual Funding Requests (IFR) Panel are predominantly concerned with the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of treatment, and as such consist of lay, clinical and public health representation aimed at making such judgements.

Devices that are considered by both groups should therefore be those which form treatments, which either require a commissioning policy or consideration of exceptional circumstances. Literature on their effectiveness and cost-effectiveness is available for evaluation by panel and group members.

Where the device forms an integral part of a wider treatment, it is the wider treatment that should be considered through the commissioning process. Commissioning and provision of these wider treatments should cover any necessary devices, including any particular subgroups for whom the addition of a device or the use of non-standard device is used. The above groups should not be passed decisions on micro-transactions relating to individual items.

Devices which might be classified as equipment rather than treatment will not be considered by the CPDG or non-drugs IFR panel.

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