

Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Policy Collaborative

AREA: Robot Assisted Surgery

<p>Background</p>	<p>Robotic Assisted Surgery (RAS) is a form of minimally invasive surgery that is increasingly used in a number of complex surgical procedures internationally.</p> <p>Currently NHS England is the responsible commissioner for the consideration of the NHS funding of RAS for a number of key procedures. For a list of the RAS procedures NHS England has considered to date, please click the link below: https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning?s=robot+assisted+surgery</p> <p>This list includes, but is not exclusive to, the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early kidney cancer unsuitable for conventional laparoscopic surgery • Prostate cancer • Bladder cancer • Oesophago-gastric cancers • Assisted lung resection for primary lung cancer • Trans-oral surgery for throat and voice box cancers 	
<p>Evidence to support the Technology</p>	<p>The clinical evidence considered by NHS England is included in their service specification documents. These can be accessed using the link noted above.</p>	
<p>Future Pathways of Care</p>	<p>All future consideration of RAS interventions will be considered by NHS England as the responsible commissioner for this technology and should include a detailed business case.</p>	
<p>Financial implications arising from new pathway of care</p>	<p>None to Clinical Commissioning Groups or local commissioning organisations as all funding responsibility sits with NHS England as the responsible commissioner for RAS.</p>	
<p>Implications</p>	<p>Providers who wish to offer this treatment to Worcestershire patients are advised to ensure they comply with the minimum clinical requirements noted in the NHS England service specifications noted above and agree the funding arrangements in advance with NHSE .</p>	
<p>CCPC Recommendations</p>	<p>Noting the change in commissioning responsibility for Robot Assisted Surgery, the three Worcestershire CCGs will not consider any requests which fall outside of the specified clinical criteria for this or any other intervention as noted in the documentation specified above and which are funded by NHS England.</p>	
<p>Approved by Worcestershire Clinical Executive in Common Meeting:</p> <p>11/07/2017</p>	<p>Date to Initiate Review: July 2020</p> <p>Documents will be reviewed as a minimum every 3 years. However, earlier revisions to the policy may be made in light of published updates to local and national evidence of effectiveness and cost effectiveness and/or recommendations and guidelines from local, national and international clinical professional bodies.</p>	