

**Programme Title: Clinical Policies**

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

**Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire**

<b>Title of policy and version:</b>	<b>Other - Lymphoedema Services – Specialist treatment in the private sector</b>  Version: v1.0
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
<b>Scope:</b>	<b>Covers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests for specialist lymphoedema treatment delivered by independent sector providers outside of routinely commissioned providers and pathways</li> <li>• Outpatient and inpatient private sector provision</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort:</b>	Patients with a diagnosis of lymphoedema.
<b>Other relevant Clinical Policy</b>	TBC

<b>Treatments routinely funded:</b>	None under this policy.
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<b>Treatments not funded:</b>	Specialist lymphoedema treatment delivered in the private sector.
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Specialist lymphoedema treatment delivered in the private sector is considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on providing effective, evidence-based care through locally commissioned NHS lymphoedema services. Where appropriate services are already available within the NHS, treatment delivered in the private sector is therefore not normally funded.
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<b>IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:</b>	
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Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.

<b>Coding list:</b>			

Policy document record:	Other - Lymphoedema Services – Specialist treatment in the private sector Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for Central East ICB, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK)
Planned review date:	TBC

**Document Environmental Impact statement:**

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.