

Procedure that requires Prior Approval

Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning Policy Statement

Policy No. TVPC 59 Management of Female Pelvic Organ Prolapse

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The Thames Valley Priorities Committee has considered the evidence for treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP) and recommends that referral for specialist assessment for surgical interventions will only be funded when the following criteria have been met:

- Failure of a trial of conservative methods such as pelvic floor muscle training AND / OR pessary for 3 months.

AND

- Symptoms cause significant functional impairment that prevent the patient from properly fulfilling work, domestic or carer activities, or educational responsibilities

OR

- Severe symptomatic prolapse with urethral sphincter incompetence or urinary/faecal incontinence.

NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>