

## Engagement Report for Clinical Commissioning Policies

Unique Reference Number	1852	
Policy Title	Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement Proton Beam Therapy for Adult Lymphoma [URN: 1852]	
Lead Commissioner		
Clinical Reference Group	Radiotherapy	
Which stakeholders were contacted to be involved in policy development?	A policy working group (PWG) was established in line with NHS England's standard methods.	
	The draft policy proposition was sent to the following groups for comment:	
	<ul> <li>Registered stakeholders for the Radiotherapy Clinical Reference Group (CRG); and</li> <li>Members of Radiotherapy CRG.</li> </ul>	
Identify the relevant Royal College or Professional Society to the policy and indicate how they have been involved	<ul> <li>The relevant Royal Colleges or Professional Societies are part of the Radiotherapy CRG or registered stakeholders, and include:</li> <li>Royal College of Physicians; and</li> <li>Royal College of Radiologists.</li> </ul>	
	Named representatives for each of these organisations were sent copies of the draft policy proposition and invited to provide comment.	
Which stakeholders have actually been involved?	No responses were received from the relevant colleges or professional societies listed above, however, six responses were received from other stakeholders.	
Explain reason if there is any	Not applicable.	

difference from previous question	
Identify any particular stakeholder organisations that may be key to the policy development that you have approached that have yet to be engaged. Indicate why?	None identified.
How have stakeholders been involved? What engagement methods have been used?	The draft commissioning policy statement was distributed to stakeholders via email for a period of two weeks of stakeholder testing, in preparation for public consultation. Stakeholders were asked to submit their responses via email, using a standard response and in line with NHS England's standard processes for developing clinical commissioning policies. Stakeholder testing asked the following questions:
	<ul> <li>Do you have any further comments on the proposed changes to the document?</li> <li>If Yes, please describe below, in no more than 500 words, any further comments on the proposed changes to the document as part of this initial 'sense check'.</li> <li>Please declare any conflict of interests relating to this document or service area.</li> </ul>
What has happened or changed as a result of their input?	No changes have been made to the draft policy proposition as a result of stakeholder feedback. There were six responses in total to stakeholder testing, of which three respondents fully supported the policy proposition. The remaining three respondents felt that although the evidence base was weak for the use of proton beam therapy (PBT) in this indication, there was a potential benefit of this treatment for people with lymphoma and therefore further research into the area was required.
	The PWG are aware of the limited evidence base for use of PBT in this indication and would support further research taking place.

	The PWG are anticipating that following approval of a not for routine commissioning policy, proposals for evaluative commissioning will be developed.
How are stakeholders being kept informed of progress with policy development as a result of their input?	All stakeholders (including CRG members and registered stakeholders) will be notified when the final policy statement is published.
What level of wider public consultation is recommended by the CRG for the NPOC Board to agree as a result of stakeholder involvement?	Not applicable.