South Central Priorities Committees  
(Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire, Berkshire East, Berkshire West and Buckinghamshire)

Policy 50: Implementation of NICE Medical Technologies Guidance (MTGs) and Diagnostic Technologies Guidance (DTGs)

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| NHS Primary Care Trusts have no statutory duty to fund the use of the technologies assessed under NICE’s MTG and DTG programmes, The use of any medical or diagnostic technology assessed by NICE under their MTG and DTG programmes is a LOW PRIORITY and not normally funded by PCTs, unless: |

1. NICE has stated “The case for adoption within the NHS as described is supported by the evidence”.  
   **AND**  
2. relevant funding has been agreed by commissioners through the funding route detailed below. |

**Funding route**

To obtain funding, in advance of the technology’s use:
- a business case must be submitted to and approved by the relevant PCT

**OR**

- PCT has agreed to commission this technology following an evidence review and positive recommendation by the Priorities Committee.

This process applies even if the technology is included in tariff.

NICE MTGs and DTGs review the clinical and cost impact evidence compared with current treatment. They indicate the circumstances in which a technology **might** be used; they do not make recommendations as to whether the intervention **should** be used and do not override clinical judgement for any individual patient.

**NOTES:**
1. Exceptional circumstances may be considered where there is evidence of significant health impairment and there is also evidence of the intervention improving health status.
2. This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or guidance from NICE.
3. South Central policies can be viewed at http://www.sph.nhs.uk/priorities/policy-statements