NHS Proton Beam Therapy (PBT)

PATIENT ACCESS PATHWAYS A practical guide for clinical teams



PURPOSE
Scope and use

For NHS England-funded patients.
Non-NHS England Commissioners may have different arrangements.
Always check current eligibility and funding approval for your health economy.
Refer all patients through the national proton beam therapy referral portal (quick link below), registration required.
Eligibility of all referred cases will be considered by the appropriate PBT Provider MDT.

ACCESS PATHWAYS

1 NHS ENGLAND ROUTINE POLICY
Routine Commissioning

Access through established NHS England routine commissioning policies

Commissioning policy specific eligibility

VIEW ALL ROUTINE POLICIES

2 EVIDENCE ROUTE
Clinical Trials

Access through a suitable open PBT trial

Protocol specific eligibility

VIEW PBT TRIALS

3 EVALUATIVE ROUTE
Evaluative Commissioning in Protons (ECIP)

Access through a prospective evaluative commissioning study

Protocol specific eligibility

VIEW ECIP PROGRAMME

4 EXCEPTIONAL EVALUATIVE ROUTE
Small Cohort Cases

Access through the exceptional cases route

Clinical guidance specific eligibility

National PBT (atypical) panel review is required prior to allocation to a PBT Provider for MDT review

VIEW CURRENT GUIDANCE

QUICK LINK - REFERRAL PORTAL

REFERRAL PORTAL

QUICK LINKS – ACTIVE ROUTINE COMMISSIONING POLICIES

PBT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
This policy applies to patients up to and including the age of 30yo

PBT FOR SKULL BASE AND SPINAL TUMOURS IN ADULTS

PBT FOR CRANIOSPINAL IRRADIATION IN ADULTS

The NHS Proton Beam Therapy Programme