

GM Procedures of Low Clinical Value (PLCV) Commissioning Statements (Effective from 1st April 2026)

1.	Aesthetic Surgery (Other) v2.8
2.	Assessment and management of low back pain and sciatica v1.0 This replaces the Low back pain and sciatica (Assessment and management of in over 16s) commissioning statement v3.2
3.	GM Assisted Conception Commissioning Statement v3.2
4.	Body Contouring v3.4
5.	<p> Aesthetic Breast Surgery Breast augmentation surgery v1.0 Breast reduction surgery v1.0 Mastopexy (Breast Lift) v1.0 Nipple inversion v1.0 Removal and replacement of silicone breast implants v1.0 Supernumerary nipples v1.0 Surgery for gynaecomastia v1.0 Symmetrisation surgery for breast asymmetry v1.0 </p> <p>These commissioning statements have replaced the GM Aesthetic Breast Surgery v4.7 commissioning statement and take priority over the EBI Breast reduction and EBI Breast prosthesis removal guidance.</p>
6.	Bunion (Hallux Valgus) Surgery v4.3
7.	Caesarean Section v3.3
8.	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (surgical interventions for) v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 carpal tunnel syndrome release guidance
9.	Cataract Surgery Commissioning Statement v1.0 This commissioning statement replaces the GM Cataract Surgery version 3.7 commissioning statement
10.	Circumcision (Penile) v1.0 This replaces the Circumcision (surgical procedures on the prepuce) commissioning statement v2.6.
11.	Communication Aids v2.3
12.	Complementary and Alternative Therapies v3.4
13.	Continuous Glucose Monitoring (Real-Time) v2.5
14.	Cough Assist devices v2.3
15.	D&C and Hysterectomy for heavy menstrual bleeding v2.4 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 dilatation & curettage for heavy menstrual bleeding guidance and EBI List 1 hysterectomy for heavy menstrual bleeding guidance
16.	Correction of Dermatochalasis (excess skin of the eyelids) v1.0 This commissioning statement replaces Dermatochalasis (Correction of) v2.5 commissioning statement
17.	Dupuytren's Contracture v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 Dupuytren's contracture release guidance
18.	Electrolysis and Laser Hair Removal for Hirsutism v3.3
19.	Endoscopic Thoracic Sympathectomy (ETS) for Facial Blushing v3.3
20.	Experimental and Unproven Treatments v2.5

21.	Benign eyelid lesions (Surgical removal of chalazia and other)1.0 This commissioning statement replaces the GM Removal of common benign eyelid lesions v3.3 and takes precedence over the EBI List 1 chalazia removal guidance.
	Note: Facet Joint Injections are now within the Spinal Injections for low back pain commissioning statement.
22.	FES for Foot Drop Commissioning Statement v1.0 This commissioning statement replaces the GM Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) for Foot Drop v2.8 commissioning statement.
23.	Gallstones (Asymptomatic) v2.4
24.	Ganglia of the hand and wrist v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 ganglion excision guidance
25.	Haemorrhoids and anal skin tags (Surgical management (including banding) of) v2.5 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 haemorrhoid surgery guidance
26.	Hair Replacement Technologies v3.3
27.	Headache Disorders v2.8
28.	Hernias (Surgical repair of) v2.3 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 2 Repair of minimally symptomatic inguinal hernia guidance
29.	Hip Replacement v2.4
30.	Hyaluronan intra-articular injections for osteoarthritis v1.0 This replaces the Hyaluronic Acid Injections for Osteoarthritis commissioning statement v3.5
31.	Hyperhidrosis v3.6
32.	Knee Arthroscopy v4.2 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 knee arthroscopy with osteoarthritis guidance & List 2 Arthroscopic surgery for meniscal tears guidance.
33.	Knee Replacement v2.4
34.	Labiaplasty v3.8
35.	Laser Eye Surgery v2.3
36.	Lycra Body Suits v3.5
37.	MRI Scanning (Wide bore, open and open upright) v2.7
38.	Orthoses, bespoke orthoses & 24-hour posture management v2.4
39.	Surgical management of children with Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) v1.0 This commissioning statement replaces the GM Drainage of the middle ear v2.7 commissioning statement and takes precedence over the EBI List 1 grommets guidance and List 2 Removal of adenoids for treatment of glue ear
40.	Pelvic Vein Embolisation in the management of varicose veins v3.4
41.	Pinnaplasty v3.5
42.	Radiofrequency Denervation for chronic low back pain v1.0 Note: This was previously within the Spinal Injections and related therapies for low back pain commissioning statement v1.3
43.	Rhinoplasty / Septoplasty / Septo-Rhinoplasty v3.3
44.	Rhinosinusitis / Rhinitis / Sinusitis v2.2

45.	Sacroneuromodulation for Urinary Retention and Constipation v3.5
46.	Scarring (Surgical revision of) v3.3
47.	Shoulder Impingement v2.3 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 shoulder decompression guidance
48.	GM Skin Lesions (Referral of benign skin lesion into secondary care) Commissioning Statement v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 removal of benign skin lesions guidance
49.	Skin Resurfacing Techniques v3.3
50.	Snoring and sleep apnoea commissioning statement v1.0 This commissioning statement replaces the GM Invasive treatments for snoring v3.5 commissioning statement and takes precedence over the EBI List 1 interventions for snoring (not OSA) guidance
51.	Spinal injections for low back pain v1.0 Note: This replaces the Spinal Injections and related therapies for low back pain commissioning statement v1.3. Radiofrequency Denervation now has its own commissioning statement.
52.	Surgery for low back pain and sciatica v1.0 Note: This replaces the Spinal Procedures (Out of Contract) commissioning statement v2.8
53.	Split / Torn Ear Lobes (Repair of) v3.3
54.	Squint Surgery (Surgical correction of adult Strabismus) v2.2
55.	Tattoo Removal v3.3
56.	Tongue Tie v2.3
57.	Tonsillectomy v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 tonsillectomy guidance
58.	Trigger Finger v1.0 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 trigger finger release guidance
59.	Trophic Electrical Stimulation (TES) for facial Palsy v2.6
60.	Ultrasound and PES for bone healing v3.3
61.	Varicose Veins Surgery v2.11 This commissioning statement takes precedence over the EBI List 1 varicose vein surgery guidance

Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) - Lists 1, 2 & 3

Where there is no GM commissioning statement the EBI guidance should be followed. These are highlighted below for ease of reference

The following link will take you to the EBI guidance [EBI Guidance documents - EBI \(aomrc.org.uk\)](http://aomrc.org.uk)

LIST 1 Interventions	
1A	Intervention for snoring (not OSA) - GM Snoring and sleep apnoea commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
1B	Dilatation & curettage for heavy menstrual bleeding - GM D&C and hysterectomy commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
1C	Knee arthroscopy with osteoarthritis - GM Knee arthroscopy commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
1D	Injection for nonspecific low back pain without sciatica - GM Spinal injections for low back pain / Radiofrequency Denervation (for chronic low back pain) commissioning statements take precedence over this guidance

1E	Breast reduction - GM Breast reduction commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
1F	Removal of benign skin lesions - GM Skin lesion (common benign) commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2G	Grommets - The GM Surgical management of children with Otitis Media with Effusion commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2H	Tonsillectomy - GM Tonsillectomy commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2I	Haemorrhoid surgery - GM Haemorrhoid commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2J	Hysterectomy for heavy bleeding - GM D&C and hysterectomy commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2K	Chalazia removal - GM Surgical removal of Chalazia and other benign eyelid lesions commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2L	Shoulder decompression - GM Shoulder impingement commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2M	Carpal tunnel syndrome release - GM Carpal tunnel commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2N	Dupuytren's contracture release - GM Dupuytren's Contracture commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2O	Ganglion excision - GM Ganglia of the hand and wrist commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2P	Trigger finger release – GM Trigger finger commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2Q	Varicose vein surgery - GM Varicose veins commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance

List 2 Interventions

2A	Diagnostic coronary angiography for low risk, stable chest pain
2B	Repair of minimally symptomatic inguinal hernia - GM Hernia commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2C	Surgical interventions for chronic rhinosinusitis
2D	Removal of adenoids for treatment of glue ear – The GM Surgical management of children with Otitis Media with Effusion commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2E	Arthroscopic surgery for meniscal tears - GM Knee Arthroscopy commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2F	Troponin test-Withdrawn by EBI - this should not be used to influence guidance or best practice.
2G	Surgical removal of kidney stones
2H	Cystoscopy for men with uncomplicated lower urinary tract symptoms
2I	Surgical intervention for benign prostatic hyperplasia
2J	Lumbar discectomy - GM Surgery for low back pain and sciatica commissioning statement takes precedence over this
2K	Lumbar radiofrequency facet joint denervation - GM Radiofrequency Denervation for chronic low back pain commissioning statement takes precedence over this guidance
2L	Exercise ECG for screening for coronary heart disease
2M	Upper GI endoscopy-Withdrawn by EBI - this should not be used to influence guidance or best practice.
2N	Appropriate colonoscopy in the management of hereditary colorectal cancer
2O	Repeat Colonoscopy
2P	ERCP in acute gallstone pancreatitis without cholangitis
2Q	Cholecystectomy
2R	Appendicectomy without confirmation of appendicitis

2S	Low back pain imaging
2T	Knee MRI when symptoms are suggestive of osteoarthritis
2U	Knee MRI for suspected meniscal tears
2V	Vertebral augmentation (vertebroplasty or kyphoplasty) for painful osteoporotic vertebral fractures
2W	Shoulder Radiology: Scans for Shoulder Pain and Guided Injections
2X	MRI scan of the hip for arthritis
2Y	Fusion surgery for mechanical axial low back pain
2Z	Helmet therapy for treatment of positional plagiocephaly/brachycephaly in children
2AA	Pre-operative chest x-ray
2BB	Pre-operative ECG
2CC	Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test Withdrawn by EBI - this should not be used to influence guidance or best practice.
2DD	Liver function, creatinine kinase and lipid level tests – (Lipid lowering therapy) Withdrawn by EBI - this should not be used to influence guidance or best practice.
2EE	Blood transfusion

List 3 Interventions	
Pg 16	Breast prosthesis removal - GM Removal and Replacement of silicone breast implants commissioning statements take precedence over this guidance
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Pg 45	Angioplasty for PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention) instable angina
Pg 51	Non-visible haematuria
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Release 4 – Urology Interventions	
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Pg 16	Investigation and onward referral of women with recurrent urinary tract infections (rUTIs)
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