

Your Request:

- 1) Do you have a community Urology service?**
- 2) If so, what is your inclusion criteria for the service?**

Definition of a 'Community Urology Service': Our community urology service accepts referrals for the following to reduce referrals to the trusts, with a 6 week referral to treatment KPI. The service accepts referrals for the following:

- **Male LUTS pathway**
 - **Chronic male pelvic pain (including chronic scrotal and prostatitis)**
 - **Scrotal swelling**
 - **Female urinary incontinence**
 - **Erectile dysfunction**
 - **Recurrent urinary tract infections**
 - **Haematospermia**
 - **Persistent loin pain**
 - **Catheter related problems (recurrent UTIs, recurrent obstruction, pain)**
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- **Hydrocelectomy**
 - **Prepuceplasty**
 - **Circumcision**
 - **Urethral Dilatation**
 - **Penile/Scrotal Lesion**
 - **Frenuloplasty**
 - **Epididymal Cyst**

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held in relation to the commissioning of community urology services in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1 - 2) No Community Urology Services commissioned.

Halton

1 - 2) No Community Urology Services commissioned.

Knowsley

1 - 2) No Community Urology Service commissioned.

Liverpool

1) Liverpool commissions the two below services from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust which deal with a number of the named conditions in your request, but not all. Please note that these services are not consultant led.

[Adult Bladder and Bowel Service provided by Mersey Care for people registered with a Liverpool GP](#)

[Children's bladder and bowel services for children with a Liverpool GP , this service is provided by Mersey Care](#)

2) Information not held on the inclusion criterion used for these services, you may wish to redirect your request for this information to Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust via the following email address: FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Sefton

1 - 2) No Community Urology Service commissioned.

St Helens

1 - 2) St Helens commission an Adult Continence Promotion Service provided by St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust ([Community Services \(sthk.nhs.uk\)](#)). The service is available to adults over the age of 19 who are registered with a St Helens GP and are having difficulties with bladder and/or bowel symptoms. They also offer support and advice to relatives and/or carers of people with bladder and/or bowel issues. It offers a totally open referral service; this means self-referral or if consent is gained, referral by a family member or friend. Referrals can also be made by general practitioners, social workers or another health care professional. This includes all nursing, residential and supported living homes. Further details on the inclusion criteria can be obtained from St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust who can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via: foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Warrington

1 - 2) Warrington commission a Community Catheter Service, although this does not include the 6 week KPI referenced in your request.

Wirral

1) Wirral commission a Bladder & Bowel service and a Trial Without Catheter service from Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust.

2) Please find listed below the acceptance and exclusion criteria and thresholds for the commissioned Bladder & Bowel service:

Acceptance Criteria:

- *Patients registered with a Wirral CCG GP who meets the criteria for referral to the service*
- *Referral from GP, specialist nurse or secondary care*
- *Appropriate self-referral (patients not under any other service)*

Exclusion Criteria:

- *Patients who are not registered with Wirral CCG GPs.*
- *Patients resident in nursing funded care (nursing homes / other NHS providers)*
- *Patients with a life-threatening illness for whom only acute hospital care is appropriate.*

Please find listed below the acceptance and exclusion criteria and thresholds for the commissioned Trial Without Catherter service:

The service will accept the following patients (this list is not exhaustive):

- post-surgical patients*
- post-partum patients*
- urological*
- orthopaedic*
- elderly*
- palliative*

The following patients will be excluded from the Community service and will be seen in a specialist clinic at the acute trust:

- previous known urethral trauma*
- known history of urethral stricture*
- radical prostatectomy – open or laparoscopic*
- prostatic/bladder/urethral surgery within 2 weeks post-operative*
- documented previous difficult catheterisation*
- known history of bladder pathology*
- known urine residual pre catheterisation >400mls*