

# **Arthroscopic Sub Acromial Shoulder Decompression Surgery**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q1 What is the Commissioning Statement ?**

**A** The Commissioning Statement refers to Arthroscopic Sub Acromial Shoulder Decompression Surgery for patients with Sub Acromial shoulder pain. This policy will be live from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and will apply to all new referrals.

### **Q4 Are there exceptions to the policy ?**

**A** These are the exceptions to the policy:

- Acute rotator cuff tears
- Sub acromial impingement pain for whom a combined rotator cuff repair and sub acromial decompression may be appropriate
- Calcific tendonitis
- Large Sub acromial spur
- Post fracture complications
- Post traumatic sub acromial bursitis
- Those with any clinical suspicion of infection, malignancy, unreduced dislocation or inflammatory arthritis, for whom appropriate local urgent pathways should be followed

### **Q2 Why has the policy been developed ?**

**A** The policy has been developed because there is compelling evidence to suggest that there is little benefit to patients with Sub acromial shoulder pain in having this surgical procedure when compared to patients who were managed conservatively. Further evidence is outlined in the policy. The CCG has written this policy in conjunction with a Public Health England Consultant who ensures that consideration has been given to NICE Guidelines and other available research. Additional consultation and consideration of feedback has also taken place with local stakeholders as part of the consultation process.