

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/269

Subject: Practice Plus Group Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Do you not have a specification in place with Practice Plus group?</p>	<p>No, all pathways are set out on Remedy as advised https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/gynaecology/</p>
<p>I am wondering how Practice Plus group determines what services it can and cannot offer within the Endocrinology speciality. For example, would it be acceptable for the provider to purely do outpatient services? Or would it be acceptable for the provider to offer a colposcopy but not a coil fitting? How is this governed by the ICB?</p> <p>Clarification received 16/10/23: sorry I see I wrote endocrinology instead of gynaecology. Hope that would be obvious but it should be the latter. thanks</p>	<p>Providers are managed in line with NHS Contracts and that is the governance process. All contracts with providers contain the following clauses in line with the NHS Standard contract:</p> <p>The services will include, where appropriate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-treatment e.g. referral processes; triage/clinical assessment; diagnostics; consultation; pre-treatment assessment and / or work up. • Treatment e.g. outpatient/ambulatory/inpatient treatment; joint assessments. • Discharge e.g. expected physical, self-care, psychological capabilities prior to discharge. <p>The providers must be able to offer the full patient pathway at specialty level for acute elective surgery from the first outpatient to completion of treatment with the exception of relevant cataract treatment referrals (see 3.5.3 and schedule 6C below) or occupational therapy / physiotherapy, (as contained in 3.5.3 below).</p> <p>Note, exceptions to the pathway are allowed where for example follow ups are undertaken in the community.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 17 October 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.