**Evidence-Based Interventions (EBI)**

**Communication for GPs / Primary care clinicians – Update Sept 2023**

**Questions about EBI**

* **What is EBI?** EBI stands for Evidence-Based interventions. These are interventions identified by a National Clinical EBI team as low value interventions, which are no longer as successful as other interventions.
* **Why do we have EBI?** Evidence-Based Interventions(EBIs)are in line with NICE Guidelines and guidance from the various medical colleges. They are overseen by a clinically-led national team run by the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges to ensure NHS resources are clinically focused where they are most needed. Using evidence-based decision making, allows us to deliver high value interventions to the right patients at the right time.
* **Who do EBI affect?** All patients and clinicians. They span all surgical specialties and now some medical specialties too. Any patient who is being considered for an intervention must meet the EBI criteria before it is carried out (Primary care relevant list on page 2).

* **When did EBI come into place?** EBIs were first introduced as a pilot in April 2017, List 2 came out in April 2021, and EBI List 3 was published in May 2023.
* **Where do I get more information and data on EBIs?** There is national guidance and information available at: [NHS England » Evidence-based interventions programme](https://www.england.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions/) & [Home - EBI (aomrc.org.uk)](https://ebi.aomrc.org.uk/)

**Referrals and what to do if ….**

* **I want to refer a patient for a potential EBI procedure, what do I do?**

1. Prior to making a referral you should review pathways and guidance available on DXS (where available). This will support you in identifying a potential EBI and signpost you to the relevant EBI criteria.
2. This EBI criteria needs to be demonstrated prior to a referral and documented within the referral.
3. Where DXS is unavailable, please refer to the EBI list below (page 2) and ensure your patient meets the criteria prior to a referral. This should be demonstrated and documented on the DXS referral form (where available).

* **Why have I received a returned referral from FHFT?**
* Referrals are triaged by the FHFT clinical teams. If the referral does not demonstrate the EBI criteria has been met they may be returned to primary care with a request for further information.
* **What if the patient complains?**

If you are unable to resolve the concern locally, patients can be directed the NHS Website including videos and patient leaflets available. Links to national patient leaflets - <https://www.aomrc.org.uk/ebi/patients-and-carers/>

* **Do I need to complete a funding form?** 
  + No, not for EBI procedures. Please use DXS / EBI clinical criteria and NICE guidelines to clarify the patient’s presentation on the DXS referral form (where available) and reference meeting EBI criteria.
  + The ICS is set an activity threshold by NHSE, which is based on population and national data. Referrals and FHFT activity will be monitored to ensure as an ICS we can deliver the required outcomes, supporting a sustainable future.

**EBI procedures List (List 1, 2 & 3) relevant to Primary care:**

