

Pathway					
	Frenulotomy of Ankyloglossia (tongue-tie)				
Commissioned					
	<p>Frenulotomy of Ankyloglossia (tongue-tie) will only be funded for the following indications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve feeding where the infant has been seen and referred by a specialist infant feeding advisor. 2. To improve articulation where assessment by a Speech and Language Therapist confirms that their speech problems are attributable to the Ankyloglossia. 				
Not Funded					
	Frenulotomy is not commissioned over the age of 10 years.				
Notes					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The procedure must be carried out by an appropriate specialist. ▪ In children with speech problems a copy of the SALT report should be forwarded to the Prior Approval team. 				
Rationale					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy based on <i>NICE Interventional Procedure Guidance 149</i> ▪ Ankyloglossia (tongue-tie) is a congenital anomaly characterised by an abnormally short lingual frenulum, which may restrict mobility of the tongue. ▪ It varies from a mild form in which the tongue is bound only by a thin mucous membrane, to a severe form in which the tongue is completely fused to the floor of the mouth. ▪ Breastfeeding difficulties may arise, such as problems with latching, sore nipples and poor infant weight gain. ▪ Current evidence suggests that there are no major safety concerns about division of Ankyloglossia. 				
Cohort					
	Children under 11 years.				
Equality					
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.				
Status					
	<p>AMBER under the age of 3 months. RED over the age of 3 months. As defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.</p>				
OPCS codes					
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