

Pathway									
	Dilatation & curettage for heavy menstrual bleeding.								
Exclusions									
	Women presenting with non-menstrual bleeding in addition to heavy menstrual bleeding.								
Not Funded									
	Dilatation & curettage for heavy menstrual bleeding.								
Rationale									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence-Based Interventions: Response to the public consultation and next steps. Published by NHS England in partnership with NHS Clinical Commissioners, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence November 2018. ▪ Dilatation and curettage (D&C) is a minor surgical procedure where the opening of the womb (cervix) is widened (dilatation) and the lining of the womb is scraped out (curettage). Ultrasound scans and camera tests with sampling of the lining of the womb (hysteroscopy and biopsy) can be used to investigate heavy periods. ▪ NICE guidelines recommend that D&C is not offered as a treatment option for heavy menstrual bleeding. Furthermore D&C should not be used to investigate heavy menstrual bleeding as hysteroscopy and biopsy are more effective. Complications following D&C are rare but include uterine perforation, infection, adhesions (scar tissue) inside the uterus and damage to the cervix. 								
Cohort									
	Women.								
Equality									
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.								
Status									
	IFR as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.								
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