

Pathway	
	Primary total hip joint replacement.
Exclusions	
	Hip joint revision surgery.
Commissioned	
	<p>Primary total hip joint replacement will only be funded in patients who meet ALL the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They have an Oxford Hip Score LESS than 26. 2. Radiographic changes are consistent with moderate or severe joint osteoarthritis. 3. They are medically fit for surgery with optimum management of any major medical co-morbidity. 4. The patient is prepared to consider surgery and undertake this within an 18-week timeframe.
Rationale	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The most common indication for elective primary total hip replacement is osteoarthritis of the joint. ▪ A small number of patients experience serious complications following elective total hip replacement, therefore patients should not be considered for joint replacement until it can be demonstrated that conservative methods have failed, and their quality of life is significantly affected by the symptoms of pain and reduced mobility. ▪ Conservative management of hip pain due to osteoarthritis should include, where appropriate, weight reduction, activity modification, adequate analgesia, walking aids and physiotherapy. ▪ The Oxford Hip Score was developed to assess functional impairment and pain related to joint arthritis. The questionnaire has been shown to be reproducible, valid and sensitive to clinically important changes. ▪ http://www.orthopaedicscore.com/scorepages/oxford_hip_score.html
Cohort	
	Adults.
Equality	
	Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.
Status	
	RED as defined in the Prior Approval Scheme Policy.
OPCS codes	

Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement	W37.1
Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint not using cement	W38.1
Primary total prosthetic replacement of hip joint NEC	W39.1
Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented acetabular component	W93.1
Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cemented femoral component	W94.1
Primary hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint using cement NEC	W95.1
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