

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Functional Electrical Stimulation
Background:	Functional electrical stimulation (FES) is a treatment that uses the application of small electrical charges to improve mobility. It is particularly used as a treatment for drop foot. Drop foot is caused by disruption in the nerve pathway to and from the brain, rather than in nerves within the leg muscles.
Commissioning Position:	<p>Non-Implantable Devices:</p> <p>Policy: Functional Electrical Stimulation for drop foot is routinely commissioned with the non-implantable device, in line with NICE IPG278, providing normal arrangements are in place for clinical governance, consent and audit, and provided ALL of the following criteria are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop foot is impeding gait and in whom the use of all orthotics (AFO) has proven to be unsuccessful following specialist assessment; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient has demonstrable functional improvement from an individual trial of FES; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intervention is recommended by a multidisciplinary team specialised in rehabilitation. <p>Implantable Devices:</p> <p>Policy: The wireless or implantable device is NOT routinely commissioned. Funding will only be considered where there are exceptional clinical circumstances. The clinician needs to submit an application to the Individual Funding Request Panel.</p>
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