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## **Berkshire East Clinical Commissioning Groups Commissioning Policy Statement**

### **Patella resurfacing as part of total knee replacement (TKR)**

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Berkshire East Clinical Commissioning Groups have considered the evidence for patella resurfacing as part of total knee replacement procedure. Due to the lack of sufficient evidence of clinical benefit to support routine resurfacing of the patella and the lack of evidence of cost-effectiveness at the reconstruction tariff (HR05Z), patella resurfacing as part of TKR is **not normally funded**.

Exceptional clinical cases can be considered through the Individual Funding Request Process.

Where clinicians proceed with Patellar Resurfacing (HR05Z) without CCG approval, the Provider will be remunerated at the tariff for a Total Knee Replacement (HRG HB21C) providing the patient meets the criteria for the relevant policy (TVPC7, 2014) for 'Primary knee joint replacement surgery for patients with osteoarthritis of the knee'.

#### **NOTES:**

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Berkshire East CCGs clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>