

**Engagement Report for Clinical Commissioning Policies**

<b>Unique Reference Number</b>	B10 X03
<b>Policy Title</b>	Robotic assisted lung resection for primary lung cancer
<b>Accountable Commissioner</b>	Nigel Andrews
<b>Clinical Reference Group</b>	Thoracic Surgery
Which stakeholders were contacted to be involved in policy development?	All CRG membership and registered stakeholders.
Identify the relevant Royal College or Professional Society to the policy and indicate how they have been involved	The British Thoracic Society and The Society for Cardiothoracic Surgeons are associated with the CRG and will be invited to feedback as part of the consultation process.
Which stakeholders have actually been involved?	All stakeholders as indicated above.
Explain reason if there is any difference from previous question	N/A
Identify any particular stakeholder organisations that may be key to the policy development that you have approached that have yet to be engaged. Indicate why?	N/A

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<p>How have the stakeholders been involved? What engagement methods have been used?</p>	<p>The draft policy was circulated to the full membership of the CRG and registered stakeholders for one week for their views, both to establish whether any amendments to the policy are required, and to understand from their perspective what the key questions to ask at consultation might be.</p> <p>Seven responses were received from stakeholders. Six of the responses confirmed that 30 days consultation was appropriate, with one response suggesting a longer period (and one highlighting the need to avoid the christmas period). Three responses expressed a view that all relevant evidence has been taken into account, and four suggested additional evidence that should be considered, particularly in relation to VATS and comparator surgery. Of the seven responses received, two supported the recommended policy proposition, and five did not support it. The primary issue highlighted by stakeholders who did not support the policy proposition expressed a view that RATS should be an option, highlighting that VATS is not currently routinely available across England.</p> <p>The initial engagement has identified a number of specific organisations which may have an interest in this policy and these organisations will be invited to respond to the formal consultation. These organisations include:          Roy Castle Cancer Foundation          British Lung Foundation          British Thoracic Oncology Group</p>
<p>What has happened or changed as a result of their input?</p>	<p>A number of additional stakeholders will be asked to respond to the formal consultation including:          British Thoracic Oncology Group          Rpy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation          British Lung Foundation          Macmillan Cancer Support          European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery          European Society of Thoracic Surgeons</p> <p>A number of other changes were made to the documents including:          Clarifying that the most common type of surgery for primary lung cancer is open surgery rather than VATS          Updating the name and scope of the policy to robotic assisted lung resection for primary lung cancer          Minor edits to the documents (highlighted in yellow)</p> <p>Four additional studies were suggested through stakeholder engagement. The four studies were not picked up by the original search strategy as they fell outside of the original search terms. The studies were all excluded after being reviewed as they were low level studies that would not impact on the commissioning position. The studies included:</p> <p>Open, Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery, and Robotic Lobectomy: Review of a National Database. Kent et al., 2013          Comparing Robotic Lung Resection With Thoracotomy and Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery Cases Entered Into The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Database. Farivar et al., 2014          Initial Multicenter Community Robotic Lobectomy Experience: Comparisons to a National Database. Adams et al., 2014</p> <p>Early Experience With Robotic Lung Resection Results in Similar Operative Outcomes and Morbidity When Compared With Matched Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery Cases. Louie et al., 2012</p>

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<p>How are stakeholders been informed of progress with policy development as a result of their input?</p>	<p>This engagement report, along with the updated policy proposition will be involved as part of the public consultation. Stakeholders will be notified and invited to comment further.</p>
<p>What level of wider public consultation is recommended by the CRG for the NPOC Board to agree as a result of stakeholder involvement?</p>	<p>Public consultation for a period of 30 days as supported by the majority of stakeholders.</p>