

## **Lycra splinting for paediatric patients with cerebral palsy/movement disorders**

### **CRITERIA BASED ACCESS**

Lycra splinting services is commissioned for paediatric patients who meet the following criteria:

- children aged between 3 and 18 years\* with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy or other neurological condition
- following multidisciplinary team assessment by the Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist and support from a Consultant Paediatrician that the child is likely to achieve an improvement in (or maintain) functional abilities regarding balance or movement control
- where the child and family/carers are motivated to support the introduction and maintenance of use of the intervention.

Contraindications for lycra splinting include severe or uncontrolled epilepsy, vascular, or chronic respiratory problems.

Regular monitoring at appropriate intervals by the multidisciplinary team (including Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Consultant Paediatrician) to assess progress or maintenance of functional ability is required. Use of the splint will be discontinued if benefits cease to be achieved or maintained.

\*Replacement splints will be funded automatically to the age of 16. Requests for new or replacement splints for children aged 17-18 will be considered by the Individual Funding Request Panel.