

# Value Based Commissioning – **vbcchecker**



## Overview

Value Based Commissioning (VBC) and Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) are at the heart of all CCG plans. This ensures efficient use of NHS resources and that patients receive safe care driven by the most up to date clinical evidence to ensure the best outcomes.

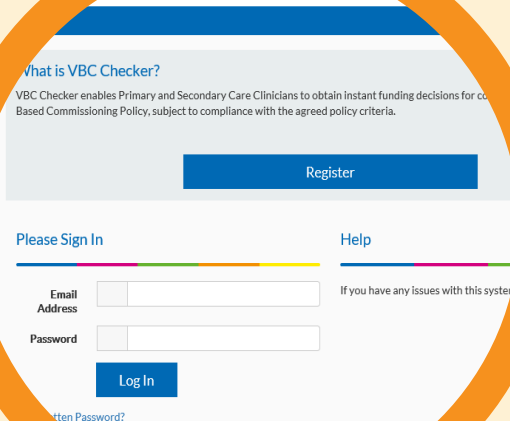
NECS has developed a comprehensive VBC programme which includes:

- A web based system that provides an instant funding decision on a patient meeting the policy criteria and prior funding approval for procedures covered in the local policy.
- Experience of deployment of the **vbcchecker** system to large scale health economies, across multiple CCG localities.
- Development of clinical policies to support policy decision making.
- Expert contract advice on implementation with secondary care providers to ensure that the CCG only funds activity which has prior funding approval.
- Finance and contracting expertise on the reconciliation process at procedure level with providers.
- An evidence base for reducing provider contract demand plans.

## Achievements in the North East & Cumbria region

We have had outstanding results in the North East & Cumbria region including:

- A regional Value Based Commissioning policy which is applied consistently by all CCGs with all providers reducing patient inequity.
- Patients undergoing elective procedures only in circumstances where the benefit outweighs the clinical risk.
- A single prior approval scheme for secondary care providers in line with the NHS Standard Contract technical guidance therefore reducing the burden on providers.
- A reduction of 14,000 elective procedures in the first two years of implementation.
- A saving to the local economy of over £18m across the region in the first two years.
- A reduction in the number of patients referred to secondary care for an outpatient appointment for conditions covered by the policy.
- Contribution to provider cost improvement programmes through the reduction in targeted activity.
- A reduction in the number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) considered by CCGs by over 50% reducing costs associated with clinical decision making.



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## How can we help your health system?

We are able to provide a range of evidence-based support tools to CCGs and Commissioning Support Units to ensure that Value Based Commissioning and Evidence Based Interventions are at the heart of your health system plans.

**vbcchecker** is designed to be configured to local policies and criteria and can be deployed rapidly across primary and secondary care.

In addition to system access under a user agreement, NECS can provide expert contract and mobilisation resources to manage the roll-out of the programme across your area.

For further information on the **vbcchecker** programme please see contact details below:

*"The VBC programme has been one of the most successful QIPP initiatives in the North East this year for which all CCGs have benefitted"*

**Richard Henderson,**  
Chief Finance Officer  
North Durham CCG

*"NECS, CCGs and all of our providers have worked collaboratively to deliver this innovative solution that really is in the best interests of all of our patients and public that we service"*

**Joe Corrigan**  
Chief Finance and Operating Officer,  
Newcastle Gateshead CCG

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A web based system that provides an instant funding decision

Experience of deployment

Programme Management

Expert contract advice

Finance and contracting expertise

Evidence base for reducing provider contract demand plans

## In the first two years of the North East and Cumbria programme, we have achieved:

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**14,000**  
procedures



A saving to the local health economy of  
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