

OPEN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

BSW CCG will only fund Open MRI scanning of greater than 0.5T as an alternative to conventional MRI in the following circumstances:

- In patients who suffer from claustrophobia where an oral, prescription sedative has not been effective (GPs are expected to support the prescription of sedatives in this situation)

OR

- In patients who are obese and therefore cannot fit comfortably in a conventional MRI

Standing, upright, weight-bearing or positional MRI will not be commissioned.

Reference:	Policy Name	Review Date	Version
BSW-CP049	Open MRI Policy	March 2021	1.0