Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire
Integrated Care Board

OPEN MAGNETIC RESONANCE (MRI)

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

BSW ICB 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 scanner.

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