

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Cosmetic / Plastic Surgery
Commissioning position:	<p>Plastic surgery is routinely commissioned for patients undergoing treatment for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>trauma reconstruction surgery; acute repair and acute reconstruction</i> • <i>cancer surgery and associated reconstruction</i> • <i>burns, acute care.</i> <p>Patients in these circumstances may be referred directly to secondary care</p> <p>Cosmetic surgical procedures for the correction of changes associated with age, pregnancy, weight or because of unhappiness with body image are of low priority. These will not be routinely commissioned. A significant degree of exceptionality must be demonstrated before funding can be considered outside of these policies. Specifically, psychological factors are not routinely taken into consideration in determining NHS funding.</p> <p>Whilst some degree of distress is usual among people who consider aspects of their physical appearance as undesirable, the degree of this will not routinely be taken into account in any funding decision. Further, it is expected clinicians consider the possibility of psychological problems including Body Dysmorphic Syndrome NICE Guidance CG31 assess for these and ensure appropriate management before considering any referral for plastic surgery.</p>
Referral Guidance:	<p>Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRW/SR GP Practices: https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/ • HaRD GP practices: Referral Form
Effective From:	1 July 2021
Summary of evidence/ rationale:	It is the responsibility of NHS North Yorkshire CCG to commission the most clinically and cost effective treatments for its local population within the resources available to it. Treatments which are primarily cosmetic in nature are, therefore, considered a low priority.
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Additional Information/References:

Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services – Referrals and Guidelines in Plastic Surgery (NHS Modernisation Agency) London 2005