

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Face and/or Brow Lift
Background:	These surgical procedures are performed to lift the loose skin of the face and forehead to get a firm and smoother appearance of the face. These procedures will not be funded to treat the natural processes of ageing or to achieve a cosmetic outcome.
Commissioning position:	<p>Face lift or brow lift will only be funded in accordance with the criteria specified below.</p> <p>These procedures will only be considered for treatment of the functional impairments arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congenital facial abnormalities • Facial palsy (congenital or acquired paralysis) • As part of the treatment of specific conditions affecting the facial skin eg. Cutis laxa, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, neurofibromatosis • To correct the functional consequences of trauma • To correct functional consequences of deformity following surgery • In some cases of impaired visual fields, where it may be a more appropriate primary procedure than blepharoplasty <p>Surgery for primarily cosmetic reasons is not eligible for NHS funding</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
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Additional Information/References: