

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Hair Loss Treatment
Background:	Hair loss, also known as alopecia or baldness, refers to a loss of hair from the head or body. Baldness can refer to general hair loss or male pattern hair loss.
Commissioning position:	<p>Hair loss treatment will not be routinely commissioned by the NHS for cosmetic reasons, regardless of gender. This includes:</p> <p>Surgical treatments for hair loss e.g. hair transplantation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Intralace' hair system • Dermatography (tattooing) • Drugs for the treatment of baldness e.g. Finasteride <p>Hair loss treatment may be considered on an exceptional basis, for example when reconstruction of the eyebrow is needed following cancer or trauma.</p> <p>To manage hair loss for solely cosmetic reasons:</p> <p>It should be noted that the provision of wigs or hair loss treatment for Gender Dysphoria patients is NOT part of the NHS commissioned pathway for transgender patients and is not routinely commissioned. Additionally, it should be noted that this policy does NOT affect the existing local NHS pathways that exist for the provision of wigs to chemotherapy or alopecia patients.</p> <p>Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Individual cases will be reviewed as per the CCG policy.</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:

- A.G. Messenger et al, British Association of Dermatologists' guidelines for the management of alopecia areata 2012. British Journal of Dermatology 2012 166, pp916–926. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22524397>
- NHS Wig Policy <http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/Healthcosts/pages/Wigsandfabricsupports.aspx>
- NHS UK – Hair loss treatments <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Hair-loss/Pages/Treatment.aspx>
- NHS Choices – Hair Loss <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hair-loss/Pages/Introduction.aspx>