

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Blepharoplasty
Background:	Blepharoplasty is a surgical procedure performed to correct puffy bags below the eyes and droopy upper eyelids. It can improve appearance and widen the field of peripheral vision. It is usually done for cosmetic reasons. Consideration should be given to whether blepharoplasty or brow lift is the more appropriate procedure, particularly in the case of obscured visual fields.
Commissioning Position:	<p>Blepharoplasty will only be funded in accordance with the criteria specified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impairment of visual fields in the relaxed, non-compensated state <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical observation of poor eyelid function leading to discomfort, e.g. headache worsening towards end of day and/or evidence of chronic compensation through elevation of the brow. <p>Direct referral to secondary care may also be made where a diagnostic ophthalmology opinion is required (e.g. to exclude underlying causes such as thyroid related orbitopathy, orbital tumours, iatrogenic Horner's syndrome, basal cell carcinoma and myasthenia gravis).</p> <p>Surgery for primarily cosmetic reasons is not eligible for NHS funding.</p>
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