

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Acquired Ear Lobe Clefts
Background:	The external ear lobe can split partially or completely as result of trauma or wearing ear rings. Correction of split earlobes is not always successful and the earlobe is a site where poor scar formation is a recognised risk.
Commissioning position:	<p>Surgical repair of acquired ear lobe clefts is NOT routinely commissioned as this is considered a cosmetic procedure. This indication includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • partially split lobes (i.e. where the split does not reach the edge of the lobe); • elongated holes in lobes; • a split that recurs after a previously repaired earlobe has been pierced
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: