

Policy statement:	Functional Electrical Stimulation
Status:	Not Funded

M&SECCGs do not fund Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) for the treatment of dropped foot / foot drop in patients with neurological conditions.

Providers of services for patients who were funded by the NHS prior to the introduction of this policy, who require on-going funding for maintenance and support, must seek Individual approval on an annual basis and the following criteria apply:

- The patient will have objectively demonstrated (using validated tools) that the use of FES is still clinically appropriate, e.g. by
 - foot drop which impedes gait and evidence that this is not satisfactorily controlled using ankle–foot orthoses
 - gait improvement from its use

This service/procedure has been assessed as a **Low Clinical Priority** by M&SECCGS and will not be funded unless there are **exceptional clinical circumstances**.

Individual funding requests should only be made where the patient demonstrates clinical exceptionality.

Further information on applying for funding in exceptional clinical circumstances can be found on the CCGs' website.

