

Policy statement:	Open/Wide-bore MRI
Status:	Individual Prior Approval

M&SECCGs commission open/wide bore MRIs on a restricted basis.

Funding will only be made available if the patient meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Morbidly obese patients unable to access local MRI services because of their size
- Patients with co-morbidities which mean that the patient will be at significant increased clinical risk if they were to have a standard MRI.

Patients with claustrophobia **are not eligible** for open/wide-bore MRI scans unless either of the above criteria also applies.

It is the responsibility of the referring clinician to provide evidence to support the application. Decisions on funding are made based solely on the information provided.

Funding for patients not meeting the above criteria will only be granted in clinically exceptional 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.