

Policy statement:	Pinnaplasty/Otoplasty
Status:	Individual Prior Approval

M&SECCGs commission Pinnaplasty/Otoplasty surgery on a restricted basis.

Patients will be considered for surgery on a case by case basis where both the following criteria are met:

- Patient is aged between 10 and 16 years of age and has expressed concern about their appearance
- There is very significant ear deformity or asymmetry.

All applications for funding must be accompanied by photographs.

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.