

Policy statement:	Repair of Ear Lobes
Status:	Group Prior Approval-Immediate
Status:	Not Funded- Post immediate trauma applications

M&SECCGs commission surgical repair of ear lobes on a restricted basis.

This is only funded when primary suture post trauma occurs immediately after the time of trauma i.e. the patient is automatically eligible for emergency treatment when he/she presents for repair at A&E at the time of trauma.

Post immediate trauma applications are not funded.

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.