

Policy statement:	Tinnitus
Status:	Group Prior Approval

M&SECCGs provide funding for investigation of tinnitus on a restricted basis.

Investigation is funded if the patient has:

- unilateral tinnitus or pulsatile bilateral tinnitus for over 2 months,
- bilateral or central tinnitus with hearing loss for over 2 months
- intrusive bilateral or central tinnitus without hearing loss for over 6 months

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

Applications for funding in such circumstances should be made to the Exceptional Case Team but 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.