

<b>Policy statement:</b>	<b>Toric Lens Implants- Astigmatism</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Not Funded</b>

M&SECCGs do not fund toric intraocular lens implants as there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate safety, clinical and cost effectiveness. Toric IOLs refer to astigmatism correcting intraocular lenses used at the time of cataract surgery to decrease post-operative astigmatism. The Toric IOLs are the so called 'premium lens' however these come at a greater cost than the standard.

The standard IOLs design used for cataract surgery in the NHS is the monofocal IOLs. Intraocular lens implants for cataracts will continue to be commissioned in accordance with the Cataracts SRP.

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**.

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.