

Policy statement:	Wigs and Hair Pieces/Hair Systems/Transplantation
Status:	Wigs and Hair Pieces-as per National Regulations
Status:	Hair Systems/Transplantation-Not Funded

Wigs are available on the NHS, but patients will be charged for them unless they qualify for help with charges.

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Pages/Wigsandfabricsupports.aspx>

Hair pieces and wigs for patients experiencing total or severe hair loss as a result of alopecia totalis, cancer treatment, previous surgery or trauma, are available from local NHS Trusts within tariff through commissioned pathways.

Patients requiring reconstruction of the eyebrow following cancer or trauma will be treated within existing contracts.

M&SECCGs do **not fund** treatments for the correction of male or female pattern baldness as it is a normal process of ageing.

M&SECCGs do **not fund** hair transplantation or the use of the 'Interlace' or other hair systems, regardless of gender. Patients who were initially funded by the NHS will not be funded for ongoing maintenance and support

These services/procedures have 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.