

Policy statement:	Caesarean Section (Elective)
Status:	Group Prior Approval

Elective Caesarean Section will only be funded when **one** of the following criteria is met:

- Breech presentation.
- Multiple pregnancy.
- Preterm birth
- Small for gestational age.
- Placenta praevia.
- Morbidly adherent placenta.
- For cephalopelvic disproportion in labour,
- Mother-to-child transmission of maternal infections
- Mother has a disability or condition which prevents or restricts her ability to proceed with a vaginal delivery.
- Maternal request, including mothers who have had previous C-section(s), following an assessment by a health professional with expertise in perinatal mental health and meeting NICE guidance– see NICE. <https://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG132>.

Guidance for mothers considering birth options after previous C-sections can be found here:

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/globalassets/documents/patients/patient-information-leaflets/pregnancy/pi-birth-options-after-previous-caesarean-section.pdf>

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.