

Policy statement:	Facial Surgery (non aesthetic)
Status:	Group Prior Approval

M&SECCGs commission non-aesthetic facial surgery on a restricted basis for the treatment of:

- Congenital craniofacial abnormalities
- Facial palsy (congenital or acquired paralysis)
- As part of the treatment of specific conditions affecting the facial skin e.g. cutis laxa, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, neurofibromatosis
- To correct the consequences of trauma

All patients must be advised that requests for surgery to address concerns about appearance or to treat the natural ageing process are considered to be cosmetic and as such will not be 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.