

Policy statement:	Skin contouring/Body contouring/ Liposuction/Tumescent Liposuction/Liposculpture
Status:	Not Funded

M&SECCGs do not fund liposuction/tumescent liposuction/liposculpture/skin contouring surgical procedures except apronectomy/abdominoplasty in defined circumstances- see separate policy.

Body contouring is any procedure that alters the shape of different areas of the body to reduce excess skin or remove fat.

Liposuction, which is sometimes known as liposculpture, is the removal of unwanted body fat using a surgical vacuum and is a form of cosmetic surgery.

Skin excision for contouring including the lifting of buttock, arm and/or thigh is regarded as a cosmetic procedure and as such is not funded.

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**.

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.