

## Facial Surgery and Treatments

### Not Routinely Commissioned Exceptional Funding Panel Approval Required

Facial surgery and treatments for cosmetic purposes are not routinely commissioned.

**Burns Care** - NHS England commissions specialist services relating to burns care including surgical reconstruction.

**Cleft Lip and Palate** - NHS England commissions specialist services relating to cleft lip/palates and complex congenital disorders.

Lesions that are suspicious of malignancy should be treated or referred according to NICE cancer guidelines.

For guidance please see <https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/>

BNSSG ICB is responsible for making the best use of the NHS funds allocated to us to meet the health needs of our local population. The demand for services is greater than the resources available and therefore we have to prioritise the use of funds carefully. Our approach is to prioritise commissioning treatments, operations or drugs that are most effective in meeting the health needs of the population. All operations carry significant risks and where symptoms are mild or moderate it is likely that the risks outweigh the benefits. Not all conditions progress and when symptoms can be managed conservatively, that is the safest option.

Patients who are unhappy with their appearance to an extent that they could be said to be suffering from body dysmorphia may wish to be considered for a referral to commissioned mental health services to support them in managing their underlying condition. Surgery is not commissioned to manage body dysmorphia.

## Plain Language Summary

Cosmetic surgery is carried out when a person chooses to have an operation, or invasive medical procedure, to change their physical appearance for cosmetic rather than medical reasons.

Some cosmetic procedures, such as Botox and dermal fillers - typically used to fill lines and wrinkles - do not involve surgery.

Facial surgery and treatments are procedures that are used to alter the appearance of a patient's face. Some of these treatments include:

- Brow lift
- Cosmetic facial injections
- Facelift or Rhytidectomy
- Laser Surgery for sun damage, ageing and wrinkles
- Lip Enhancement including lipotransfer
- Reshaping of the Cheek including implants and lipotransfer
- Reshaping of the Chin including Implants and lipotransfer

## Connected Policies

Benign Skin Lesions Policy

Blepharoplasty Policy

Botulinum Toxin Treatment

Chalazion Removal

Cosmetic Surgery

Pinnaplasty

Hair Removal Treatment

Hyperhidrosis Treatment.

Laryngeal Surgery (voice box)

Laser Surgery for Refractive Error.

Liposuction to reduce fat pockets & deposits

Nasal Surgery Policy – including Rhinoplasty

Skin Camouflage

Skin contouring

Tattoo removal

Wigs, hairpieces and hair replacement systems

### **This policy has been developed with the aid of the following:**

1. NHS England and Improvement (2013) Commissioning, Specialised services: D02 Major Trauma and Burns, specialised burn care (all ages). [www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)
2. NHS England and Improvement (2013) Commissioning, Specialised services: E02 Specialised Surgery in Children, Cleft Lip and / or Palate Services including Non- Cleft Velopharyngeal Dysfunction (VPD) (All Ages). [www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)
3. British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (2017). [www.baaps.org.uk](http://www.baaps.org.uk)

### **Due regard**

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## OPCS Procedure codes

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