Eyelid Surgery

For this procedure it has been judged that the intervention is of sufficient value in terms of benefit and outcome when the patient meets the criteria, as outlined below. **Prior approval is required.**

Prior approval is requested via the referring clinician from the Commissioning Support Unit at southcsu.ifrs@nhs.net. All proforma and resources can be found at the CSU's website at www.fundingrequests.cscsu.nhs.uk/ (then click 'Hampshire').

The specialties listed below are a guide only and patients may be treated under different treatment function codes	Procedure	Guidance notes	The exclusion does not apply in the following circumstances and patients may be treated without prior approval
Ophthalmology	Eyelid Surgery Chalazia (meibomian cysts)	Chalazia (meibomian cysts) are benign, granulomatous lesions that will normally resolve within 6 months. Treatment consists of regular (four times daily) application of heat packs. Prior approval will be considered under the following conditions - The chalazia has been present for more than 6 months - Where it is situated subcutaneously in the upper or lower eyelid - Where it is causing impairment of vision	Patients coded with a cancer diagnosis Patient is suspected with cancer and has been referred via the two-week wait referral form
	Blepharoplasty	These procedures are not routinely funded Prior approval will be considered under the following conditions • There is significant effect on visual fields as documented by formal clinical photography or a visual field test which should be provided with the prior approval application; or • for relief of ectropion or entropion; or other demonstrated complications causing visual dysfunction as detailed by the referring clinician	