

SHIP8 Clinical Commissioning Groups Priorities Committee

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Policy Recommendation: Ectropion and Entropion

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Ectropion is the outward rotation of the eyelid margin and entropion is the inward rotation. Treatment for ectropion and entropion depends on its severity and the underlying cause. Mild cases may not need any treatment and minor symptoms may be relieved by conservative treatment, such as eye drops, to protect the eye.

Surgery for ectropion and entropion for cosmetic reasons alone is not normally funded.

Surgery should be considered if there is:

- Abnormal lid position causing
- Chronic epiphora (at least 2 months) and
- Ocular irritation unresponsive to topical treatments

Surgery that is necessary prior to intraocular surgery such as cataract extraction is without restriction.

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Whilst the panel recognised the considered expert advice of NICE and NHS England EBI in their recommendation the panel also had a duty to prioritise spending of a finite resource locally and made a decision which it felt gave the most equitable and effective use of investment