

**Excluded: not routinely funded**

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| <b>Policy title</b>               | <b>Pinnaplasty for prominent ears<br/>v1.0</b> |
| <b>Policy position</b>            | <b>Intervention Not Normally Funded</b>        |
| <b>Date of CCG recommendation</b> | <b>October 2020</b>                            |

Pinnaplasty surgery (otoplasty) and cartilage moulding techniques are methods of correction of prominent ears. The surgery for pinnaplasty is considered in line with the local policy for 'The provision of cosmetic treatments and surgery' i.e. cosmetic procedures to improve appearance will not normally be funded by the NHS.

Surgery to correct prominent ears is **not normally funded** due to its nature as an invasive non-reconstructive cosmetic procedure and as surgery is non-essential in respect to physical function.

Exceptional clinical cases can be considered via the CCG Individual Funding Request route only in the context of multidisciplinary healthcare.

In the case of infants up to the age of 6 months, parents or guardians can chose to self-manage ear prominence with cartilage moulding devices (non-surgical). Due to lack of evidence of cost-effectiveness these will not be funded by the NHS.

**NOTE:**

- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, eg, from NICE.

**Clinical coding:**

ICD10 Q17.5 Prominent ear

OPCS D03.3 Pinnaplasty

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