

Second eye cataract surgery – Portsmouth, Fareham & Gosport, South East Hants CCGs

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	Second eye cataract surgery	<p>Prior approval will be considered under one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best corrected visual acuity worse than 6/9 in the second eye for drivers (6/12 or worse for non-drivers) • Best corrected binocular visual acuity of 6/18 or worse irrespective of the visual acuity of the first eye • Anisometropia +/- 2D or where symptomatic • Surgery indicated for control of glaucoma or to facilitate further surgery (as determined by consultant ophthalmologist) • Surgery indicated for view of diabetic retinopathy or retinal disease (where cataract impairs retinal view) • Severe glare • Patient wishes to/is required to drive and does not meet DVLA sight test requirements • The cataract is preventing the management of other co-morbid eye conditions <p>Where visual acuity is a criterion, the referring clinician should demonstrate the level via Snellen test score.</p>	