

Short sight/ long sight corrective (laser) surgery (Refractive keratoplasty) – all CCGs

The procedure listed below is not routinely funded. Funding may be considered in exceptional circumstances, using the criteria listed. This procedure will not be funded by the commissioning CCG due to a lack of evidence for clinical benefit, limited resource or is the responsibility of specialised commissioning. Other management options should be considered.

In exceptional circumstances, an individual funding request (IFR) may be made to the patient's CCG for consideration. All requests should be in writing using the IFR funding application forms available on NHS South, Central and West CSU's website www.fundingrequests.scwcsu.nhs.uk then click 'Hampshire'.

They must include:

- a clear description of the patient's exceptional circumstances, including overriding clinical need and expected outcome
- copies of any relevant correspondence
- supporting documentation e.g. robust evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness, consultant and other specialist assessments

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	Short sight/long sight corrective (laser) surgery (Refractive keratoplasty)	<p>CCGs do not routinely fund this procedure</p> <p>May be considered via IFR where laser or operative correction is the only treatment available to restore reasonable visual acuity/or where there are substantial other medical reasons that make correction by external visual aids inappropriate.</p>	