

Pinnaplasty Commissioning Statement

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Treatment	Pinnaplasty
For the treatment of	Prominent ears
Background	Pinnaplasty is performed for the correction of prominent ears or bat ears. Prominent ears are a condition where one's ears stick out more than normal
Commissioning position	Pinnaplasty is NOT routinely commissioned.
Summary of evidence / rationale	<p>Ears are one of the first parts of the body to reach full size, which is why protruding ears can be more noticeable in children.</p> <p>Prominent ears may affect up to 5% of children. They may lead to significant psychosocial dysfunction for children and adolescents and impact on the education of young children as a result of teasing and truancy, although this can often be helped with school and other support. Children under the age of 5 rarely experience teasing and referrals may reflect concerns expressed by the parents rather than the child (1).</p> <p>Examples of restricted policies from other CCGs are available (2). Conservative management with psychosocial support from school or mental health services (if required) is recommended. Requests on the grounds of clinical exceptionality would need to include evidence that such support has been obtained and fully utilised.</p>
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References:

1. Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services - Referrals and Guidelines in Plastic Surgery (NHS Modernisation Agency)
2. South West CSU (Bristol area CCGs) policy on elective external ear and lobe repair <http://www.swcsu.nhs.uk/media/12095/Exernal-Ear-Pinna-and-Lobe- Repair-Policy.pdf>