

BLEPHAROPLASTY & PTOSIS SURGERY (OVER 16 YEARS OLD ONLY)

PRIOR APPROVAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Blepharoplasty & Ptosis surgery is considered to be cosmetic procedures and will not normally be funded.

Eyelid surgery (including blepharoplasty and ptosis surgery) is not normally funded and will only be considered when:

- There is evidence of significant functional impairment.
- Drooping of the tissue above the eyelid causes persistent impairment of visual fields in the relaxed, non-compensated state.
- Documented evidence of encroachment of the central 20 degrees of visual field

AND

- Surgery will improve the vision of the patient.

Supporting evidence in the form of photographs and an appropriate visual field test result will be required.

Visual fields can be carried out by local optometrists as part of an eye test.

Blepharoplasty surgery to improve appearance is not provided for normal changes such as those due to aging.

Photographs

The CCG will accept patients own photographs and will **NOT** reimburse the costs of medical photography.

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