EXTERNAL EAR LOBE REPAIRS

Procedures to correct external ear lobe deformities are not normally funded

Background

- Torn earlobes, or cleft ear lobes, may be classified as either a complete or partial cleft. Acquired clefts or splitting of the earlobes commonly occur from prolonged traction of heavy earrings. In rare cases, it can also occur from pressure necrosis from the clip-on earring, as well as from intentional and unintentional trauma. These clefts are most commonly incomplete; however, complete clefts are also common.

- NHS Wiltshire CCG will not fund procedures to correct external ear lobe deformities for cosmetic reasons.

If a clinician wishes to refer the patient to secondary care then funding must be authorised by NHS Wiltshire CCG via the Individual Funding Request route first

References

- This policy has been informed by:


  Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group commissioning intentions 2015/16