

**Programme Title: Clinical Policies**

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

**Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire**

<b>Title of policy and version:</b>	<b>CosmeticPlastics – Face Lift (Rhytidectomy)</b>  Version: v1.0
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
<b>Scope:</b>	<p><b>Covers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmetic face lift (Rhytidectomy) requests undertaken primarily to improve appearance</li> </ul> <p><b>Out of scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstructive procedures required following major trauma/burns, significant congenital deformity, suspected/confirmed cancer, or emergency treatment (these are managed via relevant clinical pathways)</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort:</b>	Patients requesting a cosmetic face lift to improve appearance
<b>Other relevant Clinical Policy</b>	TBC

<b>Treatments routinely funded:</b>	None under this policy
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<b>Treatments not funded:</b>	The ICB will not normally fund cosmetic face lift (Rhytidectomy)
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Cosmetic face lift is considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on interventions that treat disease or restore function; cosmetic procedures undertaken primarily to improve appearance are therefore not normally funded.
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**IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:**

Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.

**Coding list:**

Policy document record:	CosmeticPlastics – Face Lift (Rhytidectomy) Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for the ICB area, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK)
Planned review date:	TBC

**Document Environmental Impact statement:**

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.