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Policy:	Skin Resurfacing Techniques			GM Ref:	GM031
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Policy inclusion criteria

Skin resurfacing techniques are considered aesthetic procedures and are not routinely commissioned. Where clinicians feel there is a case for clinical exceptionality, funding will only be considered for cases of severe facial (above the clavicle) scarring.

To support the decision making process, non-identifiable photographs, preferably medical illustrations if available will be requested, but will not form the sole basis of the decision. It is not mandatory for photographs to be provided.

Funding mechanism:

Individual funding request (exceptional case) approval for cases of severe facial (above the clavicle) scarring: Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

Policy exclusions

Sun damage leading to malignancy or possible malignancy are excluded from this policy and treatment may be undertaken in accordance with the appropriate clinical pathway. Non-malignant sun damage is covered by the Greater Manchester EUR policy: [GM013 Common Benign Skin Lesions](#).

Treatment for Post-traumatic scarring is not covered by this policy. Please see the Greater Manchester EUR Policy: [GM066 Surgical Revision of Scarring](#).

Treatment/procedures undertaken as part of an externally funded trial or as a part of locally agreed contracts / or pathways of care are excluded from this policy, i.e. locally agreed pathways take precedent over this policy (the EUR Team should be informed of any local pathway for this exclusion to take effect).