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Policy:	Pinnaplasty	GM Ref:	GM012
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Policy inclusion criteria

Under 5 years

Surgery below the age of 5 is commissioned only if correction of prominence will help in retaining hearing aids securely, in children for whom they are required.

Funding mechanism: Monitored approval: Referrals may be made in line with the criteria without seeking funding. **NOTE:** May be the subject of contract challenges and/or audit of cases against commissioned criteria.

If the patient does not meet the criteria: an individual funding request can be made if there is a good case for clinical exceptionality. Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

Over 5 years and under age 18

NOTE: the upper age limit for referral is 17 years and 364 days. Commissioned for significant deformity or asymmetry, where the prominence measures >30mm (use measuring guide in policy).

Funding mechanism: Monitored approval: Referrals may be made in line with the criteria without seeking funding. **NOTE:** May be the subject of contract challenges and/or audit of cases against commissioned criteria.

If the patient does not meet the criteria: an individual funding request can be made if there is a good case for clinical exceptionality. Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

Over 18 years

Not routinely commissioned.

Funding mechanism: An individual funding request can be made if there is a good case for clinical exceptionality. Requests should be submitted with all relevant supporting evidence, which must be provided with the request.

Policy exclusions

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).

Funding request form [Pinnaplasty funding request form](#)