

BLEPHAROPLASTY & PTOSIS SURGERY (18 YEARS AND OVER)

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

Blepharoplasty & Ptosis surgery are 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 conducted 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

BSW ICB will accept patients own photographs and will NOT reimburse the costs of medical photography.

Primary care must obtain funding before referring patients to secondary care providers and secondary care providers must satisfy themselves that the patient has funding secured prior to seeing the patient. This is to ensure inappropriate out-patient appointments are avoided and patient expectations are properly managed.