

PINNAPLASTY

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Pinnaplasty is a cosmetic procedure and will not normally be funded.

Pinnaplasty is performed for the correction of prominent ears or bat ears.

Prominent ears are a condition where ears stick out more than normal.

This condition does not cause any physical problems but may lead to psychosocial dysfunction for children and adolescents. However, correction is primarily a cosmetic procedure.

Pinnaplasty is not therefore normally supported or funded.

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.