



Clinical Thresholds

Condition or Treatment	Oculoplastic (Eye) Problems
Commissioning Threshold	<p>Eyelid Ectropion Surgery for eyelid ectropion is not routinely commissioned. Referral to the CCG's Individual Funding Request panel may be made where patients are experiencing recurrent infection or inflammation.</p> <p>Eyelid Entropion Referral should be made to secondary care when the condition is symptomatic and risks causes trauma to the cornea. While awaiting an operation a lubricating eye ointment may be prescribed to help protect the cornea.</p> <p>Eyelid/brow ptosis (droopy eyelid) and Dermatochalasis (excess upper eyelid skin) Surgery for eyelid ptosis or dermatochalasis, where the symptoms are purely cosmetic, will not be commissioned.</p> <p>Patients with objective demonstration of visual field restriction within 20 Degrees of fixation on visual field testing, as measured by an optometrist, may be referred directly to Secondary Care. Direct referral to secondary care may also be made where a diagnostic ophthalmology opinion is required (e.g. to exclude underlying causes such as thyroid related orbitopathy, orbital tumours, iatrogenic Horner's syndrome, basal cell carcinoma and myasthenia gravis).</p>
Referral Guidance	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Referral Form </div>
Effective from	April 2013
Summary of evidence / rationale	<p>Ectropion and entropion are common maladies of the eyelid margin that can directly affect ocular function and patient comfort; surgical repair is commonly performed.</p> <p>Ectropion (out-turning of the eyelid) can present with keratoconjunctivopathy, infection, and dermatitis, among other signs and symptoms. Tearing is a common presentation, whether the punctum is everted (resulting in a tear outflow problem) or not (as in reflex tearing from irritation and exposure kerato-conjunctivopathy). Combined-mechanism tearing is not unusual in these cases.</p> <p>Entropion (in-turning of the eyelid) presents as an irritated eye with foreign-body sensation caused by inwardly rotated eyelashes and eyelid skin. The eye is red from kerato-conjunctivopathy. Affected</p>

	individuals often devise home remedies, such as taping the lid down to the cheek to rotate it away from the globe for comfort.
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References

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