

ABDOMINOPLASTY / APRONECTOMY

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Abdominoplasty / Apronectomy are considered to be cosmetic procedures and will not routinely be funded.

Requests for surgical removal of excess folds of skin and subcutaneous tissue may arise as a consequence of deliberate weight loss following successful dieting or rapid weight loss following bariatric surgery.

It is expected that prior to gastric bypass or banding, bariatric surgeons would emphasise to patients that removal of excess skin following rapid weight loss will **NOT** be offered as routine NHS provision.

This policy does not apply where the abdominoplasty/abdominal wall repair is required in conjunction with other medically necessary procedures such as complex hernia repair.

Smoking cessation is recommended for all patients considering the possibility of surgery. For help to quit smoking please contact your local Stop Smoking Service or contact your GP Surgery.