

NASAL SURGERY

RHINOPLASTY AND SEPTORHINOPLASTY

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

Nasal surgery to correct deformity and the cosmetic appearance of the nose, including rhinoplasty and septorhinoplasty are not routinely funded by the commissioner

Requests for rhinoplasty and septorhinoplasty are to be made via Individual Funding Request and will only be considered where the patient has:

- Post-traumatic nasal injury causing continuous and chronic bi-lateral nasal airway obstruction associated with septal/bony deviation of the nose which is causing significant functional impairment.

OR

- Nasal deformity secondary to a cleft lip/palate or other congenital craniofacial deformity causing significant functional impairment*

*Significant functional impairment is defined as:

Symptoms prevent the patient fulfilling activities of daily living or educational responsibilities

NB: This policy does not apply to immediate post trauma nasal manipulation which normally occurs two to three weeks after the trauma and does not require prior approval from the Commissioner.

CCG will not normally approve funding for patients who are unhappy with the outcome of previous surgeries including immediate post-trauma corrections (whether provided by the NHS or private providers) or for snoring.

Smoking cessation is recommended for all patients considering the possibility of surgery.