

<p>Name of treatment or procedure</p> <p>Surgical treatment for hair loss (hair transplant)</p>
<p>Description of treatment or procedure</p> <p>This procedure is performed under local anaesthetic by a dermatologist (skin specialist) to treat conditions including male patterned baldness and alopecia. Hair follicles (cells around the root of a hair) are moved to a bald area.</p>
<p>Current policy</p> <p>Treatments to correct hair loss from alopecia</p> <p>Commissioned only in either of the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result of previous surgery • Result of trauma (accidental damage), including burns. <p>Hair Intralace System is not commissioned.</p> <p>Dermatography (tattooing) is not commissioned.</p> <p>NHS wigs will be available according to NHS policy.</p> <p>Non-core procedure Interim Gender Dysphoria Protocol & Service Guidelines 2013/14: where the provision of “non-core” surgeries is appropriate, the Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) should apply for treatment funding through the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); the GIC should work in partnership with the CCG.</p> <p>Hair transplantation</p> <p>Commissioned only in exceptional circumstance, for example reconstruction of the eyebrow following cancer or trauma. Dermatography may be an acceptable alternative in eyebrow reconstruction.</p> <p>Non-core procedure Interim Gender Dysphoria Protocol & Service Guidelines 2013/14: where the provision of “non-core” surgeries is appropriate, the Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) should apply for treatment funding through the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); the GIC should work in partnership with the CCG.</p> <p>Treatments to correct male pattern baldness</p> <p>Not routinely commissioned.</p>
<p>Proposed change(s)</p> <p>The differences are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical treatments to correct alopecia would no longer be commissioned

- Hair transplantations would no longer be commissioned
- Under the current policy, there are separate entries for treatments to correct hair loss for alopecia, hair transplantation and for treatments to correct male pattern baldness - these would be merged into one policy statement
- Guidelines on access to wigs via the NHS would be included
- Reference to Non-core procedure Interim Gender Dysphoria Protocol & Service Guidelines 2013/14 would be removed for clarity.

The proposed policy would read:

Surgical treatment for alopecia and male pattern baldness, hair transplantation and Hair Intralace System will not be routinely commissioned.

There is an alternative option for patients who require wigs, which can be found at: <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Pages/Wigsandfabricsupports.aspx>. The current cost is £67.75 for an acrylic wig with two allowed per year. There is no charge for chemotherapy patients.

Reason for proposed change(s)

Streamlining three separate policies into one provides a clearer guide for clinicians to refer to and for the public to understand. Wording would also be made clearer.

There are alternative non surgical treatment options available.

Impact of proposed change(s)

This would have an impact on patients with male patterned baldness and alopecia. Wigs would still be available for patients with alopecia.

Patients who might require permanent hair transplant which cannot be treated using a wig, for example eyebrows, would also be affected.

All patients can still apply for this procedure, with support from their doctor, through an Individual Funding Request to their local Clinical Commissioning Group, whose panel will consider the request and assess whether it can be funded.