

Name of treatment or procedure

Rhinoplasty ('nose job')

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Rhinoplasty – also known as a 'nose job' – is an operation to change the size or shape of the nose. In many cases this is clinically necessary to help with difficulty breathing or as a result of an accident.

Current policy

This surgery is not routinely commissioned for patients for cosmetic or psychological reasons, except for children under the age of 16 years.

The surgery is provided under restricted criteria for clinical reasons.

Proposed change(s)

This surgery would only be available for clinical reasons across all age ranges. This means that children under the age of 16 would no longer be able to have rhinoplasty for psychological or cosmetic reasons.

Reason for proposed change(s)

To ensure everyone is treated equally.

Impact of proposed change(s)

This would impact children under the age of 16 years requesting the procedure for psychological or cosmetic reasons.

All patients could still apply for this procedure, with support from their doctor, through an Individual Funding Request to their local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG panel would consider whether the request could be funded.