

Scarring (Surgical revision of) v3.2

Last reviewed:	17/07/2019	This policy statement will be reviewed 5 years from the date of the last review, unless new evidence or technology is available sooner.
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Policy exclusions (Alternative commissioning arrangements apply)		
<p>Treatment of burn scars and surgical revision of scars post operatively for clinical reasons are not covered by this policy.</p> <p>The treatment of severe and or disfiguring scarring resulting from a disease process, which is amenable to surgical intervention, is also excluded from this policy.</p>		
Policy Statement		
<p>Scar revision, which is not part of a reconstruction process post trauma or cancer treatment, is considered to be mostly cosmetic and is therefore a procedure of low clinical value and not routinely commissioned.</p> <p>Funding of surgical revision of scarring on the grounds of clinical exceptionality will only be considered for scars that have been present for a minimum of 18 months post injury/surgery (to allow full natural healing before any application is made), and where the scar is causing a functional problem that is likely to be resolved with surgery.</p> <p>Please see ‘Advice and Guidance’ for what information needs to be submitted if applying for IFR (exceptional case) approval.</p>		
Clinical Exceptionality:	Clinicians can submit an Individual Funding Request (IFR) outside of this guidance if they feel there is a good case for exceptionality. More information on determining clinical exceptionality can be found in the Greater Manchester (GM) IFR Operational Policy. Link to GM IFR Operational Policy .	
Advice and Guidance:	For further advice and guidance please click here	
Links to Funding Request Forms:	IFR Non-Drug Form IFR Drug Form IFR Reconsideration Form	