

ECTROPION SURGERY

PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED

Ectropion

This condition is not dangerous; it may cause epiphora (watery eye)/soreness but can normally be managed in primary care:

This procedure is not funded on cosmetic grounds alone.

Prior Approval is required prior to referral for a secondary care opinion for watery eyes, surgery and potential surgical treatment of eyelid ectropion, if the following criteria can be met:

- Vision is impeded

AND

- There is exposure of the cornea (e.g. in paralytic ectropion) and risk of keratopathy (urgent correction required).

AND

- For symptoms relating to persistent and troublesome epiphora resulting in watery eyes;
 - Despite undergoing conservative management, the patient is experiencing constant daytime clear watering causing tears to run down the face and severe enough to impair vision on a daily basis, causing smearing on glasses.
 - Symptoms are interfering markedly with quality of life.
 - The watering should occur both in outdoor and indoor settings
 - Symptoms of persistent clear watering plus 3 episodes of infection or sticky discharge within 12 months.

Photographs

The CCG will accept patients own photographs and will NOT reimburse the cost of medical photography