

## BOB ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement

Policy Number/ Name	BOBFPC113 Eyelid Surgery for Ptosis and Dermatochalasis
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Dermatochalasis refers to an excess of eyelid skin tissue caused by the loss of elasticity in the connective tissue supporting the structure of the front portion of the eyelid. Ptosis (or blepharoptosis) refers to an abnormal position of the eyelid margin.

Surgical repair (blepharoplasty or ptosis surgery) for dermatochalasis or ptosis is not normally funded for cosmetic reasons.

Surgery can be considered for patients with the following symptoms:

- Down-gaze ptosis impairing reading and other close-work activities AND a chin-up backward head tilt due to visual axis obscuration,

OR

- Any one of the following:
  - margin reflex distance 1 (MRD(1)) of 2mm or less
  - eyelid skin fold to reflex distance of 2mm or less
  - superior visual field loss of at least 12 degrees or 24%
  - central visual interference due to upper eyelid position

### Clinical codes

- Diagnosis codes: H02.83 Dermatochalasis of unspecified eye, unspecified eyelid, H02.3 Blepharochalasis, H02.4 Ptosis of eyelid, H02.5 Other disorders affecting eyelid function, H02.8 Other specified disorders of eyelid, H02.9 Disorder of eyelid, unspecified, Q100 Congenital ptosis.
- Procedural codes: C131 - C134 Blepharoplasty

### NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's ICB where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
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<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for change</b>
1.0	March 2024	New stand-alone policy. Criteria based on previous guidance notes within BOBF16.