

Pathway:	Labiaplasty/Vaginoplasty
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p>Female circumcision is prohibited in law by the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (1) and is the subject of multi-agency guidelines from the Department of Health (2). Patients who have undergone Female Genital Mutilation should be referred to a specialist Female Genital Mutilation Clinic via NHS England.</p> <p>Labiaplasty/Vaginoplasty is not routinely commissioned by the CCG. This is in line with the Interim Clinical Commissioning Policy produced by NHS England (3). Reconstruction is only routinely commissioned following surgery for cancer.</p> <p>Requests for funding for labiaplasty are only considered, with prior approval from the Individual Funding Request Panel (IFR) where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the labia are directly contributing to recurrent disease or infection • repair of the labia is required after trauma e.g. childbirth <p><i>Requests for funding for vaginoplasty will be considered for the following indications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • congenital absence or significant development/endocrine abnormalities of the vaginal canal • where repair of the vagina canal is required after trauma <p>Investigations prior to referral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Information to include in referral letter:	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of how the patient meets this requirement • Treatments and interventions tried including the results • Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed) • Relevant past medical/surgical history • Current regular medication • BMI • Smoking status • Alcohol consumption 	
References & Additional information:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 2. Female genital mutilation: multi-agency practice guidelines. Department of Health, February 2011 3. Interim Clinical Commissioning Policy: Labiaplasty, vaginoplasty and Hymenorrhaphy November 2013 4. Lloyd J, Crouch NS, Minto CL, Creighton SM. (2005) Female genital appearance: 'normality' unfolds. BJOG – An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2005; 112:643-646 5. Bramwell R, Morland C, Garden AS Expectations and experience of labial reduction: a qualitative study. BJOG An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2007; 114:1493-1499. 6. Liao LM, Michala L, Crieghton SM. (2010) Labial surgery for well women: a review 	

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