

Pathway:	Corrective Surgery, Lens Implants and Laser Treatment
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p><i>Non-essential corrective surgery or lens implants for focusing (refractive) errors such as short sightedness (myopia), astigmatism and long sightedness (hyperopia) because these conditions are usually corrected by wearing spectacles or contact lenses.</i></p> <p><i>Requests for funding must be considered, via the Individual Funding Request Panel (IFR) including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of a clear clinical case of need, such as treatment for keratoconus (a rare eye condition where the cornea is conical shaped) that cannot be corrected by other means 	
Investigations prior to referral	
<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. NICE IPG164 (2006) Photorefractive (laser) surgery for the correction of refractive errors. (replaces previous guidance on laser in situ keratomileusis (LASIK) NICE IPG 102). 2. NICE IPG385 Laser correction of refractive error following non-refractive ophthalmic surgery (March 2011) 3. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2012) Statement on Standards for Laser Refractive Surgery. 4. Murray A, Jones L, Milne A et al. A systemic review of the safety and efficacy of elective photorefractive surgery for the correction of refractive error. University of Aberdeen; 2005 5. NICE IPG225 (2007) Corneal Implants for the correction of refractive error 6. NICE IPG289 (2009) Intraocular lens insertion for correction of refractive error, with preservation of the natural lens <p>For the full SRCCG commissioning policy, please click here</p>	
CCG GP sign off:	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)
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