

Pathway:	Upper and Lower Eyelid Surgery
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p><i>Eyelid surgery is not routinely commissioned for the following conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entropion • Ectropion • Epiphora <p><i>Requests for funding via the Individual Funding Request Panel (IFR) will be considered for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entropion where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ symptoms are severe and risk causing trauma to the cornea ○ there is recurrent infection <p>While awaiting the outcome of the referral, a lubricating eye ointment may be prescribed to help protect the cornea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ectropion where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there the patient is experiencing recurrent infection or inflammation • Epiphora where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ there the patient is experiencing recurrent infection or inflammation <p>In addition referrals to secondary care for Epiphora may be made diagnostic purposes or tear duct syringing only.</p> <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:	
<p>References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entropion and Ectropion Christopher DeBacker http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1844045-overview <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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