

West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WY ICB)					
Policy	Repair of external ear lobes (Lobules)			ICB Ref	Planned care
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Policy exclusions					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair of external ear lobes will not be routinely commissioned by the ICB for cosmetic reasons. Repair of external ear lobes as a result of a gauge piercing is excluded from treatment by the ICB. 					
Policy inclusion criteria					
<p>This procedure is only commissioned by the ICB for the repair of totally split earlobes as a result of direct trauma.</p> <p><i>An enhancement for people living in Leeds as the policy currently in place in that area states a limit of 2 years after experiencing the trauma for the ear lobe repair to be done. This limit is removed entirely in line with the other places in West Yorkshire.</i></p>					
Summary of evidence / Rationale					
Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cosmetic procedures - Ear correction surgery - NHS (www.nhs.uk) 				