

West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WY ICB)					
Policy	Scar Revision (including Acne Scarring) and Keloidectomy			ICB Ref	Planned care
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Policy exclusions					
Treatment for Scarring (including acne scarring) and Keiloidectomy is not routinely funded, except in specific circumstances.					
Policy inclusion criteria					
<p>Scar Revision, treatment for scarring related to acne and Keloidectomy treatment is not routinely commissioned. Any requests that are not medically necessary are considered cosmetic and will not be funded. Treatments for Scarring (Including Keloid scars) may be considered on an individual, exceptional basis.</p> <p>Cases may be considered on an exceptional basis, for example where the patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has significant deformity; • Has severe functional problems, or needs surgery to restore normal function; • Causes significant pain requiring chronic analgesic medication; • Bleeding from scar site; • Obstruction of orifice or vision; • Has a scar resulting in significant facial disfigurement. <p>Keloid and hypertrophic scars; Can be considered for excision if scar is symptomatic – i.e. resulting in physical impairment due to contractures, tethering, severe pain/pruritus or recurrent breakdown.</p> <p>Skin Resurfacing Techniques All resurfacing techniques including laser, dermabrasion and chemical peels are considered experimental and are not routinely funded. However, they may be considered for post-traumatic scarring (including post surgical) and severe acne scarring once the active disease is controlled, and exceptionality has been demonstrated.</p>					

An enhancement for people in Leeds and Wakefield areas of West Yorkshire where the policy criteria is currently not clear although the service provision maybe the same as other places in the West Yorkshire area. The policy exclusion and inclusion criteria in the policy provides clarity for all people across West Yorkshire.

Summary of evidence / Rationale

1. Acne vulgaris: management NICE guideline [NG198] Published: 25 June 2021;
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng198/chapter/Recommendations#information-and-support-for-people-with-acne-vulgaris>
2. Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services. Referrals and Guidelines in plastic surgery (PDF);
<http://www.bapras.org.uk/docs/default-source/commissioning-and-policy/information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

Reference