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| Intervention  | **012. Face, Neck and Brow lifts (Rhytidectomy)**  |
| For the treatment of  | Functional impairment of the face, neck or brow  |
| Commissioning position  | This intervention is commissioned for treatment of functional impairment arising from; * Structural or soft tissue anatomical anomaly resulting from congenital or acquired pathological conditions
* Facial palsy (congenital or acquired paralysis)
* As part of the treatment of specific conditions affecting the facial skin e.g. cutis laxa, pseudoxanthoma elasticum, neurofibromatosis

OR  A clinical need for reconstruction arising from: * Trauma
* Cancer treatment
* Deformity attributable to other previous NHS treatment

 This intervention is not commissioned to treat the effects of natural processes of ageing.  |
| Summary of Rationale  | There are many changes to the face and brow as a result of ageing that may be considered normal, however, there are a number of specific conditions for which these procedures may form part of the treatment to restore appearance and function.   |
| References  | [Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services Referrals and Guidelines in Plastic Surgery](https://www.bapras.org.uk/docs/default-source/commissioning-and-policy/information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf?sfvrsn=ba572cc3_2)   |
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