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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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