



**Coventry and  
Warwickshire**  
Integrated Care Board

# Grommets for Children Policy

Reference Number:	This will be applied to all new ICB-wide PPSs by the Governance and Corporate Affairs Team and will be retained throughout its life span.
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## VERSION HISTORY

Date	Version	Changes made to previous version	Consulting and Endorsing Stakeholders, Committees / Meetings / Forums etc.

<b>Treatment</b>	Grommets/Myringotomy for Children
<b>Indication</b>	Otitis Media with Effusion (OME)
<b>Treatment:</b>	<p>Surgical treatment will only be supported in accordance with the care pathway for children with suspected otitis media with effusion in NICE Clinical Guideline CG60 (February 2008) on “Surgical Management of Otitis media with effusion in Children”.</p> <p>(Ref: <a href="http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG60">http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG60</a>)</p> <p>Myringotomy with/without Grommets for Otitis Media will ONLY be funded in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child must have had specialist audiology and ENT assessment; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• The child has persistent bilateral OME documented over a period of 3 months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• A hearing level in the better ear of 25-30 dBHL or worse averaged at 0.5, 1, 2 and 4kHz. <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Persistent bilateral OME with hearing loss less than 25-30dbHL where the impact of hearing loss on a child’s developmental, social or educational status is judged to be significant. <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The worse ear averaged at 0.5, 1,2 and 4 kHz (or equivalent dBA where dNHL not available)</li> </ul> <p>Also, children should only be considered for grommet insertion if either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child cannot undergo standard assessment of hearing thresholds where there is clinical and tympanographic evidence of persistent glue ear and where the impact of the hearing loss on a child’s development, social or educational status is judged to be significant; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The child has Down’s Syndrome or Cleft Palate and has had a specialist MDT assessment in line with NICE guidance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prior approval from the Integrated Care Board will be required before any treatment proceeds in secondary care unless an alternative contract arrangement has been agreed with the ICB that does not necessitate the requirement of prior approval before treatment.</b></p>
<b>Diagnostic and Procedure Codes</b>	D151
<b>Equality Impact</b>	<a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions/</a>