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Policy: Hair Transplantation

The Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB does not routinely fund for hair transplantation or the use of the 'interlace' or other hair systems, regardless of gender. Patients who are already being treated and funded by the NHS and who require on-going funding for maintenance and support will be considered on an individual patient basis, and continued funding only granted in clinically exceptional circumstances.

- Treatments for the correction of male or female pattern baldness will not be funded as it is a normal process of ageing.
- Funding for patients outside this policy will only be granted in exceptional clinical circumstances.

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