Priority 1a

Emergency procedures to be performed in <24 hours.

- Airway obstruction – Cancer / Foreign body / Sepsis
- Neck trauma with vascular / visceral / airway injury
- Nasal / ear button battery removal
- Life threatening middle ear conditions
- Orbital cellulitis

Priority 1b

Urgent procedures to be performed in <72 hours.

- Uncontrolled epistaxis
- Sinus surgery for impending catastrophe
- Acute mastoiditis, or severe complications of cholesteatoma, not responding to conservative therapy
- Facial nerve palsy secondary to trauma / cholesteatoma
- Traumatic injury to the pinna
- Lymph node biopsy - lymphoma where core biopsy inadequate.
- Head and neck sepsis – not responding to conservative treatment.
- MDT directed Cancer debulking / biopsy – Microlaryngoscopy +/- laser
- Vocal Cord medialisation for severe aspiration

Priority 2

Procedures to be performed in <1 month.

- EUA/biopsy for malignancy – hypopharynx / larynx
- MDT directed nasopharyngeal / laryngeal surgery for malignancy
- MDT directed oropharyngeal surgery for malignancy
- MDT directed otological cancer surgery.
- Cochlear implantation post meningitis.
- Baro-trauma causing perilymph fistula
- Organic foreign bodies in the ear.
• MDT directed treatment of small, high grade salivary cancers.
• MDT directed treatment of sinonasal malignancy
• Non-malignant sino-nasal lesions threatening sight
• Treatment of pharyngeal / oesophageal / airway stricture

Priority 3

Procedures to be performed in <3 months.

• CSF fistula repair
• Symptomatic mucocoele (eg diplopia / recurrent infection)
• Cochlear implant in pre-verbal profound hearing loss where delay will impact on long term outcome.
• Micro-Laryngoscopy and papilloma resection (laser / microdebrider / coblation / steel)
• Endoscopic treatment of pharyngeal pouch with severe dysphagia

Priority 4

Procedures to be performed in >3 months.

• All other Rhinology
• Cholesteatoma - uncomplicated.
• Chronic suppurative otitis media
• All Ossicular Surgery / Middle ear implants
• Tympanoplasty
• Grommets
• Meatoplasty
• Vestibular Surgery
• Non-organic foreign body (except button batteries)
• Cochlear Implants - other
• Uncomplicated nasal fracture
• Micro Laryngoscopy benign vocal fold / cord conditions e.gpoly/p/cyst/ectasia/ paralysis
• Laryngeal framework surgery (thyroplasty) (unless significant aspiration)
• Routine procedures for pharyngeal pouch
• Routine transnasal oesophagocopy.