

Stars put Botox on expenses

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Film and TV stars are getting tax breaks for Botox injections by claiming the treatments are necessary for their work.

At least three celebrities have convinced the Inland Revenue to treat the cost of their cosmetic surgery as a legitimate business expense.

The floodgates were opened by a test case, in which a radio broadcaster told the Inland Revenue he needed his teeth straightened to work in TV.

The benefit - dubbed the "Botox bonus" - could be used by stars such as Liz Hurley, who is thought to have regular collagen injections.

The Inland Revenue has even said that actress Leslie Ash, who had disastrous surgery to enhance her lips, could claim successfully.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue said: "If someone can prove that the surgery is wholly necessary for their work they can claim it as a business expense and benefit from tax relief."