

Wayne Rooney needs second hair transplant

WAYNE Rooney already needs a second hair transplant because he had his first one too early, according to Britain's leading hair loss expert.

Rooney has been pictured with noticeably thinning hair, just 18 months after he paid £30,000 for a hair transplant at a London clinic.

And if he wants to restore his thinning hair, his only option is to have a second transplant, according to surgeon Asim Shahmalak of the Crown Clinic in Manchester.

Dr Shahmalak said 20% of men who have a hair transplant come back for a second operation because their hair loss continues.

He said: "Wayne had his first transplant when he was just 25. It is very young age to have the op.

"In his case, I don't think the pattern of baldness had been established – it is why



THINNING: England football star Wayne Rooney.

he needs a second transplant so soon after the first one.

"Wayne was very brave in coming forward and admitting that he needed help with his hair.

"In being so public about his operation, he has inspired many young men whose confidence has been wrecked by hair loss to seek professional help.

"What has happened with

Wayne is that his natural hair around the transplanted hair has continued to fall out.

"That is why he looks bald again, just 18 months after his first operation. The only way he can rectify this situation is by having a second operation."

Dr Shahmalak said 26-year-old Rooney could halt further hair loss by taking a drug such as Propecia, which costs around £60 a month and is not available on the NHS. Athletes are not banned from taking it.

Rooney, whose wife Coleen announced on Wednesday that she is expecting their second child, had a "follicular transfer" treatment – in which hair follicles are extracted from lush patches at the back of the scalp and reinserted where hair is thinning.