

CLINICAL POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (CPAG)

Breast Prosthesis (Implant) Revision/Replacement Policy

Statement

NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB has deemed that the replacement of breast implants should not routinely be commissioned unless criteria 1 **and** 2 are met:

1. The original implant was supplied and inserted by the NHS for non-cosmetic reasons e.g. reconstruction surgery for breast cancer, correction of breast asymmetry, Poland syndrome and gender reassignment.
2. The replacement should be carried out as part of the same procedure as the removal of the previous implant

These commissioning intentions will be reviewed periodically. This is to ensure affordability against other services commissioned by the ICB.

1. Background

A breast implant is a silicone rubber shell filled with either silicone gel or saline solution. The implants are used to enlarge the breast and are fitted on the NHS, mostly for breast reconstruction following breast cancer. Breast implants do not last a lifetime and therefore will require replacement at some point in the patient's lifetime. The insertion of breast implants also carries risk of complications such as infection, implant rupture and capsular contracture, which may warrant the removal of the implants.

2. Recommendation

The replacement of breast implants are not routinely be commissioned unless criteria 1 **and** 2 are met:

1. The original implant was supplied and inserted by the NHS for non-cosmetic reasons e.g. reconstruction surgery for breast cancer, correction of breast asymmetry, Poland syndrome and gender reassignment.
2. The replacement should be carried out as part of the same procedure as the removal of the previous implant.

Exclusion Criteria

NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (NHSDDICB) will not commission the replacement of privately funded breast implants. This includes the replacement of Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) implants.

Information to be Included with Referral

- Smoking Status
- Details of condition, including history of surgical provider

The policy should be read in conjunction with the [NHSDDICB Breast prosthesis \(implant\) removal policy](#).

3. Rationale for Recommendation

- A small proportion of NHS-funded breast augmentation may have historically been undertaken on patients for purely cosmetic reasons. Such patients should privately fund any ongoing treatment.

4. Useful Resources

- Breast Enlargement (implants), NHS, last reviewed July 2019, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cosmetic-procedures/breast-enlargement/>
- Breast Augmentation, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, https://baaps.org.uk/patients/procedures/1/breast_augmentation
- Your Guide to breast augmentation, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (2021) https://baaps.org.uk/_userfiles/pages/files/print_bapras_breast_aug_2021_final_revised_3.pdf
- Glossary, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, <https://baaps.org.uk/patients/glossary>

5. References

- Appendix D - Breast Implant removal/Reinsertion, East Midlands Commissioning Policy for Cosmetic Procedures, updated 25/03/11
- Breast Augmentation, British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, accessed 31/05/23, https://baaps.org.uk/patients/procedures/1/breast_augmentation
- Revision of Breast Augmentation, Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services: Referrals and Guidelines in Plastic Surgery, British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS), March 2012, accessed 29/06/23, <https://www.bapras.org.uk/docs/default-source/commissioning-and-policy/information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Consultation

All relevant providers/stakeholders will be consulted via a named link consultant/specialist. Views expressed should be representative of the provider/stakeholder organisation. CPAG will consider all views to inform a consensus decision, noting that sometimes individual views and opinions will differ.

Consultee	Date
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon (CRHFT)	June 2023
Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Professor of Breast Surgery and Medical Education and Consultant Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon & Associate Professor (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Professor of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Director of the Centre of Excellence for Autoimmunity in Cancer and	June 2023
Consultant General Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant General Surgeon and Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
Consultant Breast Surgeon (UHDBFT)	June 2023
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Appendix 2 - Document Update

Document Update	Date Updated
<u>Version 3.0</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy re-worded to reflect the new NHSDDICB organisation.Addition of Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services: Referrals and Guidelines in Plastic Surgery to the 'Reference' section of the policy.	August 2023

Appendix 3 - OPCS code(s)

- B302 (removal of prosthesis for breast)
- B304 (renewal of prosthesis for breast)
- B319 (unspecified other plastic operations on breast)