

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

Breast Surgery (not Breast Reduction or Breast Asymmetry)

Criteria Based Access Protocol



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CRITERIA BASED ACCESS PROTOCOL**

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

1.1 This protocol describes the exclusions and access criteria regarding breast surgery. It will be applied in accordance with the Protocol for Individual Patient Treatments.

1.2 The protocol applies to the procedures outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Exclusions

Procedure	Criteria for approval
Removal and Replacement of Implants	As per Section 2.7
Revision Mammoplasty	As per Section 4.1
Correction of Inverted Nipple	As per Section 4.2
Mastopexy (repositioning of nipple) and Mastopexy (breast lift)	As per Section 4.3

1.3 This protocol does not apply to patients undergoing reconstructive surgery in the twelve months' post-mastectomy surgery.

1.4 NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group does not support breast surgery in patients under 18 years of age.

1.5 All forms of surgery carry some degree of risk and in addition to complications that may arise from any surgery such as an adverse reaction to anaesthetic and risk of infection there are additional complications which may arise from breast surgery and these are outlined below. In all cases the breast surgeon must agree that surgery is clinically necessary in respect of the individual patient and should discuss the risks with the patient:

- Capsular contracture which may make the breast feel hard and may lead to lead to pain and discomfort in some cases;
- Rupture of the implant;
- Scarring which may take significant time to improve;
- Seroma (build-up of fluid around the breast);
- Adverse impact on the ability to breast feed in future.

1.6 Patients must be advised prior to consenting to surgery that surgical revision of these complications including the revision of scarring is not routinely commissioned and

would only be considered upon submission of an Individual Patient Treatment request.

2. ACCESS CRITERIA

Removal and Replacement of Breast Implants

- 2.1 NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group will always fund the removal of breast implants where there is clinical risk from leaking or otherwise damaged implants.
- 2.2 If the original implants were inserted privately, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group will not fund replacements.
- 2.3 If the original implants were inserted with NHS funding, the patient may apply to have them replaced. These applications will be considered using the same criteria as new applicants (see paragraph 2.1).

3 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Any definitions related to this Criteria Based Access Protocol are included as a Glossary at Appendix B.

4 EXCLUSIONS

4.1 Revision Mammoplasty

Revision mammoplasty is a cosmetic procedure which is not supported and will not be funded.

4.2 Correction of Inverted Nipple

Correction of inverted nipple is a cosmetic procedure which is not supported and will not be funded following surgery, whether that surgery was NHS funded or privately funded.

4.3 Mastopexy (reposition of nipple) and Mastopexy (breast lift).

Repositioning of the nipple is a cosmetic procedure which is not supported and will not be funded.

- Repositioning of the nipple following trauma will be considered by the Individual Cases Panel. Trauma is defined as any physical damage to the breast or nipple caused by violence or accident.
- Breast lift is a cosmetic procedure which is not supported and will not be funded.

4.4 Hypoplasia or Aplasia of Breast(s)

Augmentation for hypoplasia or aplasia is considered as a cosmetic procedure and is not supported by NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 4.5 This section also applies to patients who have undergone male-to-female gender reassignment.

5 CASES FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Should a patient not meet the criteria detailed within this protocol, the Policy for Individual Patient Treatments (which is available on the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group website or upon request), recognises that there will be occasions when patients who are not considered for funding may have good clinical reasons for being treated as exceptions. In such cases the requesting clinician must provide further information to support the case for being considered as an exception.
- 5.2 The fact that treatment is likely to be effective for a patient is not, in itself a basis for exceptional circumstances. In order for funding to be agreed there must be some unusual or unique clinical factor in respect of the patient that suggests that they are:
- significantly different to the general population of patients with the particular condition; and
 - they are likely to gain significantly more benefits from the intervention than might be expected for the average patient with the condition
- 5.3 In these circumstances, please refer to www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/aboutus/clinical-policies.htm

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Prior to approval from Dorset CCG's Clinical Commissioning Committee this Protocol was reviewed by the Planned and Specialist CDG which includes commissioners, clinicians and other relevant stakeholders.
- 6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for this Criteria Based Access Protocol is available on request.

7 RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

- 7.1 As documented in NHS Dorset CCG's 'Procedure for the management and development of procedural documents', Criteria Based Access Protocols must be formally recommended by the Clinical Delivery Group responsible for the protocol, prior to formal approval by the Clinical Commissioning Committee.

8 COMMUNICATION/DISSEMINATION

- 8.1 Following approval of Criteria Based Access Protocols at Clinical Commissioning Committee each Protocol will be uploaded to the CCG's Intranet, Internet and added to the next GP Bulletin.

9 IMPLEMENTATION

- 9.1 Following review of this Criteria Based Access Protocol it was agreed there were no new aspects to be included in this version and therefore no requirement for an implementation plan.

10 DOCUMENT REVIEW FREQUENCY AND VERSION CONTROL

- 10.1 This Criteria Based Access Protocol requires a review every three years, or in the event of any changes to national guidance or when new guidance is issued.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

N/A

GLOSSARY

N/A

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B CONSULTATION PROCESS			
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C VERSION CONTROL					
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			Reference to Salisbury removed.		
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D	ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy for individual patient treatment, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group • Making sense of Local Access Based Protocols, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group 	

E	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE BASED REFERENCES		
Evidence	Hyperlink (if available)		Date

G	DISTRIBUTION LIST			
Internal CCG Intranet	CCG Internet Website	Communications Bulletin	External stakeholders	
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