

Pathway:	Cosmetic Breast Surgery – Enlargement, Reduction & Revision Surgery
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p><i>The following procedures are not routinely commissioned:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Asymmetry Correction • Breast Augmentation • Breast Reduction • Inverted nipple correction • Mastopexy <p>Concerns about cosmetic appearance should not be referred to secondary care. These procedures will not be funded.</p> <p>Prior approval is NOT required for patients who have breast revision surgery due to burns or breast cancer surgery (within two years of concluding full cancer treatment).</p> <p><i>All other cases require prior approval via the Individual Funding Request (IFR) panel:</i></p> <p>Breast Implants – removal and replacement</p> <p>All cases require prior approval. Where revision surgery is being carried out for impact failure, the CCG will support the removal of failed implants but will not approve their replacement other than where clinical exceptionality may apply. <i>Prior approval is not required for NHS post breast cancer patients who have scar revision within 2 years of concluding full cancer treatment.</i></p> <p>Where there is a clinical indication for removal of breast implants this will be commissioned in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implant is proven to be ruptured; • Baker Grade IV capsular contracture • Implants with capsule formation that interferes with mammography • Implant is a PiP implant <p>This applies regardless of funding source of the original surgery (i.e. whether NHS or privately** funded). Patients will be offered the choice of removing both prostheses in the event that only one has been ruptured with the intention of ensuring symmetry.</p> <p>Patients wishing to have their implants replaced will only be commissioned when they meet the criteria for removal and both of the following indications are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the original procedure was provided by the NHS AND • the patient meets the policy for augmentation at the time of revision (consideration will be made of the original reason for NHS funding and the cosmetic appearance following removal of implants, but replacement of implants is not automatic). <p>The replacement of breast implants for patients whose original surgery was paid for on a privately funded basis is NOT commissioned.</p>	

**In the first instance the patient should be directed back to the original private provider for the procedure. If the private provider is unable to support the patient, the NHS will undertake removal only. However the CCG reserves the right to seek reimbursement from the provider.

Investigations prior to referral

- None

Information to include in referral letter:

The GP referral letter should contain:

- Details of how the patient meets the criteria
- Treatments and interventions, current & past tried including the results,
- Relevant past medical/surgical history
- Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed)
- Current regular medication
- BMI
- Smoking status
- Alcohol consumption

References & Additional information:

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CCG GP sign off:	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)
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