

Programme Title: Clinical Policies

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire

Title of policy and version:	Breast – Correction of Asymmetry (Cosmetic) Version: v1.0
Commissioning position:	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
Scope:	<p>Covers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical correction of breast asymmetry requested primarily to improve appearance (cosmetic/aesthetic). <p>Out of scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients undergoing or who have undergone breast reconstruction post cancer (routinely funded) • Patients with functional impairment caused by asymmetry will be considered in line with the Breast Reduction policy
Cohort:	Patients seeking correction of breast asymmetry where the primary purpose is cosmetic or aesthetic improvement.
Other relevant Clinical Policy	Breast - Breast reduction

Treatments routinely funded:	None under this policy.
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Treatments not funded:	Surgical correction of breast asymmetry where the primary purpose is cosmetic/aesthetic improvement.
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Rationale:	Cosmetic correction of breast asymmetry is considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on interventions that treat disease or restore function; cosmetic procedures undertaken primarily to improve appearance are therefore not normally funded.
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IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:

Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.

Coding list:

Policy document record:	Breast – Correction of Asymmetry (Cosmetic) Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1st April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for Central East ICB, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK).
Planned review date:	TBC

Document Environmental Impact statement:

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.