

**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**

<b>Title of policy and version:</b>	<b>Breast – Correction of Benign Nipple Inversion</b> Version: v1.0
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB.
<b>Scope:</b>	<p><b>Covers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical correction of benign nipple inversion where the primary purpose is cosmetic/aesthetic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Out of scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency care</li> <li>• Procedures undertaken as part of breast cancer treatment/prevention pathways or planned reconstruction programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort:</b>	Patients requesting correction of benign nipple inversion primarily to improve appearance.
<b>Other relevant Clinical Policy</b>	TBC

<b>Treatments routinely funded:</b>	None under this policy
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<b>Treatments not funded:</b>	The ICB will not normally fund surgical correction of benign nipple inversion for cosmetic/aesthetic purposes.
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Surgical correction of benign nipple inversion for cosmetic reasons is a low clinical priority intervention. NHS funding is prioritised for treatments that address clinical need; therefore cosmetic correction is 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:**

**OPCS:** B35 Operations on nipple

Policy document record:	Breast – Correction of Benign Nipple Inversion 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.