

**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 – Removal of Accessory Breast Tissue</b> Version: v1.0
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
<b>Scope:</b>	<b>Covers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgical removal/excision of accessory (supernumerary/axillary/ectopic) breast tissue where the primary purpose is cosmetic/aesthetic.</li> </ul>
<b>Cohort:</b>	Patients seeking removal of accessory breast tissue where the primary objective is cosmetic/aesthetic improvement.
<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 removal of accessory breast tissue where the primary purpose is cosmetic/aesthetic.
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<b>Rationale:</b>	Accessory breast tissue is generally not considered a health issue and removal for cosmetic reasons is a low clinical priority. NHS commissioning prioritises clinically necessary care; therefore, cosmetic removal is not normally funded.
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<b>IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:</b>	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.
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<b>Coding list:</b>
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<b>OPCS:</b> B28.6 Excision of accessory breast tissue
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Policy document record:	Breast – Removal of Accessory Breast Tissue 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

<b>Document Environmental Impact statement:</b>
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Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.
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