

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.



Central East
Integrated Care Board

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

Title of policy and version:	Breast - Breast Augmentation (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"> • Breast augmentation requested primarily to improve appearance (cosmetic/aesthetic), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implant-based augmentation ○ Autologous (fat transfer) augmentation <p>Out of scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oncoplastic/reconstructive breast surgery related to breast cancer treatment/prevention • Reconstruction following significant trauma/burns or other disease-related reconstruction pathways • Chest wall deformity reconstruction and related breast reconstruction • Gender dysphoria surgery (NHS specialised commissioning)
Cohort:	Patients seeking breast augmentation where the primary purpose is cosmetic/aesthetic improvement.
Other relevant Clinical Policy	TBC

Treatments routinely funded:	None under this policy
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Treatments not funded:	<p>The ICB will not normally fund breast augmentation (implant-based or autologous) for cosmetic/aesthetic reasons.</p> <p>Requests for revision/adjustment of cosmetic augmentation are not normally funded under this policy.</p>
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Rationale:

Cosmetic breast augmentation 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.

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: B31.2Augmentation mammoplasty

Policy document record:	Breast - Breast Augmentation (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.