

Policy title	Labiaplasty and Vaginoplasty V2.0
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Labiaplasty and / or stand-alone vaginoplasty (i.e. non-reconstructive), refashioning of the vagina or labia, is only funded by the NHS where medically necessary to treat the following:

- Suspicion or presence of cancer
- Repair after significant trauma, such as following childbirth
- Patients undergoing surgical correction of female genital mutilation (FGM).

All suspected cases of FGM or where there is considered to be a significant risk of FGM being carried out should be reported to the appropriate authorities ([FGM mandatory reporting duty: guidance for healthcare professionals](#)).

Refashioning of the vagina or labia in other circumstances, such as reduction of large labia **is not normally funded**. This is because labiaplasty is generally a cosmetic procedure to alter appearance alone and non-reconstructive vaginoplasty is used to alter vaginal tone and appearance.

Note that NHS England commissions surgical procedures to people with gender dysphoria from 17 years of age. These procedures may include specialist genital reconstructive and other specified specialist surgeries necessary for the patient to achieve their gender expression goal. Please also see the BLMK ICB policy, 'Gender reassignment: surgery and cosmetic interventions'.

NHS England commission management of congenital gynaecological anomalies.

Please see the following link for information on these services:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/manual-for-prescribed-specialised-services/>

NOTE:

- 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.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, eg, from NICE.

Clinical coding:

Vaginoplasty

P21. Plastic operations on vagina

P32. Other plastic operations on vagina

Labiaplasty

Primary diagnosis code: N906: Hypertrophy of vulva

P055: Excision of excess labial tissue

P056: Reduction labia minor

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Policy update record

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Minor wording changes to clarify the criteria for labiaplasty and vaginoplasty, and signposting to services commissioned by NHS England, specifically:

- Clarifying surgical correction of FGM is funded by the ICB
- Confirming surgery to correct congenital gynaecological anomalies and genital reconstruction for gender reassignment are both NHS England commissioning responsibility.
- Removal of the requirement to apply for funding through the individual funding request process if a patient meets the criteria listed in the policy.

The clinical coding has also been updated.