

Commissioning Statement:

Condition or Treatment:	Revisions of Breast reconstruction surgery and repeated courses of nipple tattooing
Background:	Breast reconstruction is surgery to make a new breast after removal of the breast or part of the breast due to cancer. The aim is to make a breast of similar size and shape to the original breast. Breast reconstruction can be done at the same time as the cancer surgery (immediate reconstruction), or after cancer surgery (delayed reconstruction) and may involve the use of implants to achieve the desired effect. Nipple tattooing is also a recognised procedure in relation to breast reconstruction surgery following treatment for breast cancer in order to improve the appearance of the breast.
Commissioning position:	<p>A full course of treatment will be funded for patients undergoing either immediate or delayed breast reconstruction surgery, to include all aspects of the reconstruction. This includes the provision of implant(s) for the reconstruction, and one course of treatment for Nipple Tattooing.</p> <p>Revisions of reconstruction surgery for purely cosmetic reasons and further courses of Nipple Tattooing will not be funded.</p> <p>Please Note: Breast Reconstruction Surgery Post Mastectomy does NOT require Prior Approval</p>
Referral Guidance:	<p>Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRW/SR GP Practices: https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/ • HaRD GP practices: Referral Form
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Additional Information/References: