

BOB ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee Clinical Commissioning Policy Statement

Policy Number/ Name	BOBFPC91 Reconstructive Breast Surgery Post Breast Cancer
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The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee has considered a review of reconstructive breast surgery post breast cancer, taking account of national guidance, local specialist views and data on reconstructive surgery including; surgery on the affected breast, surgery on the contralateral side and lipofilling. The Committee has acknowledged, as per the national guidance, that due to the complexity of the cancer and patient related factors, breast reconstruction can be a planned programme of operations to optimise cancer and aesthetic outcomes and to support high quality survivorship.

Further surgery post 5 years after the completion of the planned reconstructive surgery, for cosmetic reasons alone, is not normally funded.

Revision surgery is supported post completion of reconstruction to treat clinical complications arising from the treatment or surgery.

If complication are arising from the implants, such as implant leakage or rupture, severe capsular contracture (grade III/IV on the Baker classification), recurrent implant infection or seroma or Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (BIA-ALCL, implant removal and replacement is supported.

For all other cosmetic procedures please refer to the BOBFPC16 Aesthetic treatment for adults and children policy.

Reference:

The Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS) Breast Cancer Now (BCN) (2018) Guidance for the Commissioning of Oncoplastic Breast Surgery

NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's ICB where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy was developed and recommended by Thames Valley Priorities Committee which was the predecessor of Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West ICB and Frimley ICB Priorities Committee.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- BOBFPC clinical policies can be viewed at [Clinical Commissioning Policy Statements & IFRs | BOB ICB](#)

Version	Date	Reason for change
1.0	May 2019	New policy
2.0	March 2024	Policy update to add clarification regarding revision surgery post completion of reconstruction to treat clinical complications arising from the treatment. Update has taken account of the May 2023 EBI recommendations.