

**Beds, Herts, West Essex and Milton Keynes Priorities Forum Statement
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**Subject Cosmetic interventions for individuals with gender dysphoria or
post gender reassignment surgery**

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Guidance

NHS England funds gender identity disorder surgical services as part of specialised commissioning, with services provided by specialist gender identity surgical providers. This includes the complete gender reassignment process to completion of transition, from specialist assessment, preparation for gender reassignment procedures, surgery and immediate associated aftercare.

It would be expected that patients undergoing gender reassignment will have all procedures required as part of transition, and the CCG would only consider funding additional cosmetic procedures on a case by case basis as part of the usual individual funding process and through consideration of the respective relevant policies (eg cosmetic procedures).

Specifically, NHS England Specialised Commissioning funds the following surgical treatments and immediate associated aftercare:

1. Masculinising chest surgery:

Including standard practice procedures:

- Double incision technique
- Peri-areolar technique
- Liposuction for the purpose of masculinising chest surgery
- Nipple re-positioning techniques including pedicled flaps
- Free, full-thickness nipple grafting
- Modification of the nipple-areolar complex
- Dermal implant and nipple tattoo

2. Masculinising and feminising genital reconstructive surgery:

Masculinising genital surgery:

Standard practice procedures commissioned by NHS England are:

- Phalloplasty (various types)
- Metoidioplasty (with/without urethroplasty; with/without scrotoplasty)
- Post-operative training in penile prosthesis use

Commissioned only as components of the above procedures:

- Hysterectomy
- Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
- Vaginectomy
- Placement of penile prosthesis (various types)
- Placement of testicular prosthesis (various types)
- Glans sculpting

Hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophrectomy are interventions commissioned through NHS England when they are performed by a specialist gender identity surgical unit as part of the genital surgical intervention for the alleviation of gender dysphoria related to gender incongruence. CCGs have separate policies relating to clinical indications for hysterectomy and bilateral salpingo-oophrectomy when this is not related to the alleviation of gender dysphoria related to gender incongruence.

Feminising genital surgery:

Standard practice procedures commissioned by NHS England are feminising reconstruction surgery consisting of some or all of the following:

- Penectomy
- Bilateral orchidectomy
- Vaginoplasty
- Clitoroplasty
- Vulvoplasty

3. Orchidectomy

Corrective surgical procedures relating to complications for poor outcomes recognised within 18 months of previous surgery are funded through NHS England.

Human rights and equalities legislation has been considered in the formation of this policy statement