

Excluded: Procedure not routinely funded

**Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, West Essex, Luton and Milton Keynes
Priorities Forum statement - adapted for Bedfordshire CCG**

Number	84
Subject	Pectus anomaly surgery
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Date of review	February 2021

GUIDANCE

[This guidance is based on Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning policy]

Pectus anomaly describes a deformity of the sternum (breastbone). There are two main types of anomaly, pectus excavatum ('funnel chest', 'sunken chest') and pectus carinatum in which the sternum is raised. There is also a rare third type of anomaly called pectus arcuatum, where there is a ridge high across the upper part of the sternum and the rest of the chest falls away to a flatter shape. Anomalies vary from mild to marked and to what degree the disorder affects the individual's life is variable.

Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Priorities Forum has reviewed the evidence for the effectiveness of surgical interventions to treat pectus anomaly and has concluded that due to the lack of evidence of positive effect of pectus surgery on patient's cardiopulmonary function, surgery is not normally funded.

As per the policy for 'The provision of cosmetic treatments and surgery 'policy'¹, the Clinical Commissioning Group does not normally support aesthetic or cosmetic interventions that are intended to change aspects of a person's appearance.

If clinicians consider that their patient's case for an intervention provides grounds for funding as an exception to policy, then an application for individual funding should be submitted to their NHS Clinical Commissioning Group Individual Funding Request team

**Human Rights and Equalities Legislation has been considered
in the formation of this policy**

¹[Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Interim Priorities Forum Statement 1: The provision of cosmetic treatments and surgery](#)