

**Excluded: Procedure not routinely funded**

**Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning Policy Statement**

**Policy No. TVPC91                      Reconstructive breast surgery post breast cancer**

**Recommendation made by  
the Priorities Committee:              May 2019**

**Date of issue:                              September 2019**

The Thames Valley 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,<sup>1</sup> 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.**

Please refer to the TVPC16 Aesthetic treatment for adults and children policy.

1 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 CCG 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 will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>