

**Excluded: not routinely funded**

<b>Policy title</b>	<b>Gender reassignment: surgery and cosmetic interventions v1.0</b>
<b>Policy position</b>	<b>Cosmetic interventions: Not Normally Funded</b>
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**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 is expected that patients undergoing gender reassignment will have all core procedures required as part of transition as detailed below. Non-core procedures e.g. cosmetic procedures that are not commissioned by NHS England are **not normally funded** by the NHS and will only be considered on an exceptional clinical case basis, following an application via the Individual Funding Request route and through consideration of the respective relevant policies (e.g. cosmetic procedures).

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

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)

NOTE:

- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, eg, from NICE.

**Clinical coding:** As per cosmetic procedures policy.

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