

<b>Policy Statement:</b>	<b>Gynaecomastia (including revision surgery)</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>Not normally funded</b>

True gynaecomastia is benign enlargement of male breast tissue. It can be defined as the presence of >2cm palpable, firm, sub areolar gland and ductal tissue (not fat).

Surgery to correct unilateral or bilateral gynaecomastia is considered to be a cosmetic procedure and not normally funded by the NHS.

Patients requiring reconstruction surgery to restore normal or near normal appearance following cancer treatment do not fall within this statement. This policy excludes treatment for excess skin folds in the breast following weight loss.

#### Reference

1. NHS England evidence based interventions Nov 2018 <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ebi-statutory-guidance-v2.pdf>

**Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Individual cases will be reviewed as per the CCG policy.**

**Please refer also to the cosmetic surgery general principles prior to submitting an exceptional funding request.**

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