

West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WY ICB)					
Policy	Surgical correction of Benign Nipple Inversion			ICB Ref	Planned care
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Policy exclusions					
<p>Surgical correction of benign nipple inversion is not routinely commissioned by the ICB for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmetic/aesthetic reasons. • Psychological benefit without associated clinical need. <p>NB: Nipple inversion may occur as a result of an underlying breast malignancy and it is essential that this be excluded, this policy does not relate to those cases where there is malignancy.</p>					
Policy inclusion criteria					
<p>Surgical correction of benign nipple inversion is not routinely commissioned. Any requests that are not medically necessary are considered cosmetic and will not be funded. Surgical correction of nipple inversion may be considered on an individual, exceptional basis, where the GP or consultant has completed the necessary Individual Funding Request form.</p> <p>Surgical correction of nipple inversion may only be funded where it has been well documented that there was an inability to breastfeed during a previous pregnancy due to the nipple inversion and the patient is considering a subsequent pregnancy (but is not yet pregnant). In this instance all of the following criteria must be met in full:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nipple(s) must be non-retractable based on clinical examination <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The patient is post pubertal (Aged 19 or over). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inversion has not been corrected by correct use of a non-invasive suction device <p>Photographic evidence of the condition is also required by the IFR panel to support the request – only photographs taken by medical photography will be accepted.</p>					

Summary of evidence / Rationale	1. Information for Commissioners of Plastic Surgery Services. Referrals and Guidelines in plastic surgery (PDF); http://www.bapras.org.uk/docs/default-source/commissioning-and-policy/information-for-commissioners-of-plastic-surgery-services.pdf?sfvrsn=2
Reference	