

# Gender Reassignment Services

This document sets out the scope Gender Reassignment Services which will be routinely funded by the Committee for Health and Social Care (CHSC) and what is currently excluded.

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## Committee for Health and Social Care Policy

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#### Version History

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## Committee for Health and Social Care Policy

**Gender Reassignment Services****G1031**

1. This policy applies to any patient for whom the Committee for Health and Social Care has responsibility for funding defined elements of their healthcare.

2. The following elements of the Gender Reassignment will be routinely funded:

2.1 Assessment, psychotherapy and counselling. This is expected to be carried out under a shared care arrangement with local services.

Patients will be expected to undergo local assessment the local either Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services or Adult Mental Health Services before being referred to the specialist Gender Identify Clinic. Patients will not be referred where there is a contraindication to gender reassignment surgery.

2.2 Hormone therapy.

2.3 Speech therapy.

2.4 Hair removal from the donor site.

2.5 Primary male to female surgery:

2.5.1 Penectomy (removal of the penis).

2.5.2 Bilateral orchidectomy (removal of the testes).

2.5.3 Vaginoplasty (creation of a vagina).

2.5.4 Clitoroplasty and labiaplasty (creation of a clitoris and labia)

2.6 Primary female to male surgery:

- 2.6.1 Mastectomy (removal of the breasts).
  - 2.6.2 Hysterectomy (removal of the uterus).
  - 2.6.3 Vaginectomy (removal of the vagina).
  - 2.6.4 Metoidoplasty (creation of a micro penis).
  - 2.6.5 Urethroplasty (creation and joining up of the urethra)
  - 2.6.6 Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotal sacs).
  - 2.6.7 Placement of testicular prosthesis.
  - 2.6.8 Subsequent surgery to restore urinary function.
- 2.7 Primary female to male surgery requiring submission to an Individual Funding Request application which should set out the surgical method proposed and the up to date outcome data for that surgery:
- 2.7.1 Phalloplasty (creation of a penis).
  - 2.7.2 Surgery for the restoration of sexual function.
  - 2.7.3 Placement of an appropriate penile prosthesis (inflatable or malleable)
- 2.8 Application for gamete storage should be done through the Off Island Team to ensure consistency with gamete storage for other conditions.
3. The following elements of the pathway **will not be funded** for the following indications:
- 3.1 Facial hair removal.
  - 3.2 Breast augmentation or management of any complications of surgery carried out privately.
  - 3.3 Voice enhancement surgery.
  - 3.4 Facial feminising surgery:
    - Thyroid chondroplasty
    - Tracheal shave (reducing size of larynx)
    - Rhinoplasty (nasal surgery)
    - Facial bone reduction
    - Blepharoplasty (surgery around the eye)
    - Facelift

- Brow lift

### 3.5 Other:

- Calf implants
- Cheek/malar implants
- Chin/nose implants
- Collagen injections
- Drugs for hair loss of growth
- Hair transplantation
- Pectoral implants
- Neck tightening
- Liposuction or body sculpting.

4. If a clinician considers exceptional circumstances might apply an application can be made for consideration through the Individual Funding Request process.

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