

**INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS ABOUT  
THE BREAST AND COSMETIC IMPLANT REGISTRY**



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BREAST SURGERY

You have been seen by your care team and discussed the possibility of having surgery involving the insertion of breast implant(s).

In order to monitor and improve patient safety, a Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry (BCIR) has been developed, recording the implants that have been used for patients and the organisations and surgeons that have carried out the procedures.

The main aim of the registry is to be able to trace and inform affected patients in the event of any future recall of a failed implant. The registry will also allow the identification of possible trends and complications relating to specific implants.

The registry has been set up in response to the Keogh Review of the Regulation of Cosmetic Interventions, which was an independent report setting out recommendations to protect people who have cosmetic surgery. This followed issues caused by faulty Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP) breast implants in 2010.

The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry is being managed by NHS Digital, the trusted national provider of high-quality information, data and IT systems for health and social care. NHS Digital is supported by the relevant cosmetic and surgical professional groups:

- British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS)
- British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS)
- Association of Breast Surgery (ABS)

The information that your surgical team will submit to NHS Digital will include:

- Your NHS number
- Your family name
- Your first name
- Your current postcode

- Your date of birth
- Your surgeon
- Details of the surgical procedure
- Details of the implant used

Your personal information (NHS number, family name, first name, postcode and date of birth) will be retained to allow you to be contacted in the event of a future implant recall. Your personal information will be held securely and will only be accessible to a limited number of staff at NHS Digital whose role it is to maintain the registry.

NHS Digital takes its responsibility for looking after care information very seriously, and follows the legal rules, guidance and practices known as Information Governance (IG) for both the collection of the registry data and the IT systems used. No aspects of the information will be sold or made available to commercial companies for other uses.

If for patient safety reasons, in the future, there is a need to contact you and recall you for assessment, your personal details will be used by NHS Digital to attempt to trace your current address, using records held on a central NHS database. The organisation that carried out your surgery will be provided with your current address, where available, so that they can contact you and arrange for the appropriate steps to be taken to ensure your safety. If the organisation that performed the surgery no longer exists, you will be contacted by NHS Digital.

This applies to patients residing in England. If you live elsewhere in the UK or are an overseas patient, an attempt will be made to contact you at the address you provided when you registered.

NHS Digital will produce reports on the use of various implants, procedures and outcomes. These reports will only contain anonymised, aggregated information (i.e. data that has been grouped or combined) so individual patients cannot be identified.

Your surgeon will ask you to complete a consent form for your surgical procedure and in addition they will ask you to complete a consent form allowing your information to be shared with NHS Digital for the purposes of the registry. Please complete and sign the relevant parts of the consent form if you would like your details to be included in the registry.

If you do not wish your details to be recorded in the registry, you can indicate this on the consent form. **Please be aware that this will not affect your surgery or care, but may make it more difficult or impossible to contact you in the event of a future product failure or recall.** Therefore, it is in your best interest to be included on the registry. If you register and later decide that you do not wish your details to be included, you can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the organisation that performed your surgery and gained your permission to include you in the registry. If you are unable to contact your provider, you can contact NHS Digital so your records can be amended. Alternatively, if you do not register but change your mind in the future, you can talk to your surgeon/provider who can complete a new registry participant consent form and submit your information.

### **Useful links:**

Further information about NHS Digital: [www.digital.nhs.uk](http://www.digital.nhs.uk)

Further information about the registry: <http://digital.nhs.uk/bcir>

Further information about the central NHS database:

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/ddc/spine>

For queries about the registry, please ask your surgical team or email: [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk)

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