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Labiaplasty and / or vaginoplasty, refashioning of the vagina or labia, is only funded by the NHS where medically necessary and secondary to another underlying medical condition, i.e.

- Cancer.
- Significant congenital malformation (this would **not** include cosmetic issues such as large labia) or endocrine abnormalities such as adrenal hyperplasia or Turners syndrome.
- Repair after significant trauma.

Surgery will only be considered for adults (over 18), excluding cancer cases.

Refashioning of the vagina or labia in other circumstances **is not normally funded**. This is because labiaplasty is generally a cosmetic procedure to improve appearance alone and non-reconstructive vaginoplasty is used to restore vaginal tone and appearance.

All labiaplasties and vaginoplasties will need Individual Funding Request (IFR) approval (excluding cancer or immediate acute repair of trauma). Photographic evidence and copies of clinical records may be required for prior approval.

(NB. This policy does not apply to genital reconstruction for gender dysphoria which is covered by policy 'Gender reassignment: surgery and cosmetic interventions')

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NOTE:

- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance e.g. from NICE
- Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process

Clinical coding:

P21.Plastic operations on vagina

P32.Other plastic operations on vagina

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