

## Consenting to be in the registry

Patients in Northern Ireland will be asked to complete a consent form for the registry. This consent is requested so that you agree to your direct care record for this surgery being held by NHS Digital. You can choose:

- for your data to be shared with NHS Digital as part of your ongoing direct care record, for use in the event of a product recall or an implant patient safety issue and in anonymised reports, or
- not to have your data in the registry

Please be aware that if you do not have your data in the registry, it may be more difficult to contact you in the event of a product recall or other implant related patient safety issue.

## What happens in the event of a product recall?

If for patient safety reasons there is a need to contact you and recall you for assessment, your personal details will be shared with the Business Service Organisation in NI and their Family Practitioner Service to attempt to trace your current address.

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, patients living in Northern Ireland will be contacted by the Department of Health or its nominated Health and Social Care organisation to arrange for the appropriate steps to be taken for ongoing care.

## Useful links

If you have any queries, please ask your surgical team, or:

**email** [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk)

**ring** 0300 303 5678

**visit** [www.digital.nhs.uk/bcir](http://www.digital.nhs.uk/bcir)

# The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry

## Information for patients in Northern Ireland



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## What is the registry?

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. This is part of your direct care record for this surgery.

The main aim of the registry is to be able to trace patients in the event of a product recall or safety concern relating to a specific type of 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 the recall of the Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP) breast implants in 2010.

NHS Digital collects this data for Northern Ireland under a request from the Department of Health Northern Ireland. This data is collected and held on the registry as part of your direct care record.

## Who runs the registry?

The BCIR is managed by NHS Digital, the national information and technology partner to the health and social care system. 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)



## What data is collected?

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

- your Health and Care 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

## How is my data kept safe?

NHS Digital takes its responsibility for looking after care data very seriously, and follows the legal rules, guidance and practices known as Information Governance for both the collection of the registry data and the IT systems used.

## How is my information used?

NHS Digital will:

- retain your personal information to allow you to be contacted in the event of an implant recall
- publish reports on the use of various implants, procedures and outcomes. These reports will only contain anonymised, aggregated data (i.e. data that has been grouped or combined) so individual patients cannot be identified
- with your consent, share your data with approved organisations with the purpose of supporting patient care.

Find out more about consenting to share your data, on the next page.