

## Does my hospital have to participate?

The Department of Health and Social Care have directed NHS Digital to collect this information in England, so it is a legal requirement. Your hospital has to send the information.

The national data opt-out in England does not apply to the BCIR.

## 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 used by NHS Digital to attempt to trace your current address, using records held on a central NHS database: <http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/ddc/spine>

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 England will be contacted by NHS Digital. Patients living elsewhere in the UK will be contacted by their healthcare provider.

## Useful links

If you have any queries about the registry, 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)

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# The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry

## Information for patients in England



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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.

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.

## 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 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

## How is my data used?

Your personal data will be retained to allow you to be contacted in the event of an implant recall.

NHS Digital may share your data with approved organisations with the purpose of supporting patient care.

NHS Digital will publish 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.

## How is my information kept safe?

NHS Digital takes its responsibility for looking after care information 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.