

# The NHS will support women with PiP breast implants.

The latest advice from the NHS and plastic surgery experts is that women with PiP breast implants do not need to have them removed unless they have symptoms such as pain and tenderness.

There is no link to cancer and there is no clear evidence of an increased risk of harm compared to other brands of breast implants.

However, if you are concerned, you should:

- **Find out** if you have PiP implants by checking your medical notes. You can get this information for free from your clinic or through your GP. If you had PiP implants on the NHS, you will receive a letter in the next few weeks.
- **Speak** to your specialist or GP, if you had them done on the NHS, or your clinic if you had them done privately.
- **Agree what's best for you.** Get advice on whether or not you need a scan, then discuss appropriate action with your doctor.

If you decide you want your implants replaced, the NHS will do it for free if your original operation was done on the NHS.

The following organisations have said they will replace PiP implants for free if clinically necessary: Holly House, Highgate Hospitals, Make Yourself Amazing, Ramsay Health Care, Spire Healthcare, BMI Healthcare, Nuffield Healthcare and HCA International.

**If your private clinic no longer exists or refuses to remove your PiP implants, speak to your GP. The NHS will remove your implants if your doctor agrees, but the NHS will not replace implants unless it is clinically necessary.**

**For further information visit [www.nhs.uk/implants](http://www.nhs.uk/implants)**