



British Association of Hair Restoration Surgery

POSITION STATEMENT

Hair Transplant Surgery and Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation are both types of Hair Restoration Surgery

Hair Transplant Surgery is often used synonymously with the term Hair Restoration Surgery. There are many indications for performing surgery to restore hair where it has been lost or to introduce hair to areas where it is desired. Methods of restoring hair where it has been lost include surgical procedures such as flaps and full thickness hair bearing grafts which are often performed by plastic surgeons.

However, for the purposes of the BAHRS, the term Hair Restoration Surgery includes Hair Transplant Surgery (HTS) and Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation (PHFI) but does not include surgical flaps. This is also the position of the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA) – see page 1 of the CPSA standard for HTS http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/2/106271141/20180219_cpsa_hair_transplant_surgery_standards_final.pdf and page 1 of the CPSA standard for Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/2/106271141/20180219_prosthetic_hair_fibre_implantation_standards_for_consultation_final.pdf

In the UK, one of the available artificial hair fibre products, Biofibre®, has a CE Mark <https://www.biofibre.com/en/about-us/products-services/> and therefore Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation is legal.

In England, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) considers Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation to be in their Scope as it involves the insertion of instruments or other equipment into the body.

In the USA, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has banned the use of all prosthetic hair fibres <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/CFRSearch.cfm?fr=895.101>

All clinics in England that are Providers according to the CQC definition <https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/registration/what-registration#accordion-2> and advertise the provision of Hair Transplant Surgery or Prosthetic Hair Fibre Implantation (eg Biofibre®) must, by law, be registered with the CQC.

In addition, all locations/facilities in England where hair transplant surgery is performed or artificial hairs are implanted must also be CQC registered.

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