



British Association of Hair Restoration Surgery

POSITION STATEMENT

For HTS in the UK, only doctors should make skin incisions including for FUE harvesting

For Hair Transplant Surgery (HTS) in the United Kingdom, only doctors who are registered and licensed with the General Medical Council (GMC) should perform hair transplant surgery.

This is the guidance on page 10 of the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA) standard for Hair Transplant Surgery http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/2/106271141/20180219_cpsa_hair_transplant_surgery_standards_final.pdf

Performing hair transplant surgery involves making incisions in the skin which includes:

- Making the skin incisions to harvest hair by the Strip Follicular Unit Transplantation (Strip FUT) method
- Making recipient site skin incisions with a blade, needle, sharp implanter or other device
- Making the skin incisions for Follicular Unit Excision (FUE) donor hair harvesting

This reflects the position of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) <https://ishrs.org/ishrs-position-statement-on-qualifications-for-scalp-surgery/>

When using robotic assisted technology to making recipient site incisions or donor hair harvesting incisions in FUE, a GMC licensed doctor should be present at all times and in control of the robotic device. Responsibility for running the robot should NOT be delegated to a non-doctor. This is the guidance on page 14 of the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA) standard for Hair Transplant Surgery http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/2/106271141/20180219_cpsa_hair_transplant_surgery_standards_final.pdf and also reflects the position of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) <https://ishrs.org/ishrs-position-statement-on-qualifications-for-scalp-surgery/>

Assisting the doctor to perform surgery, extracting FUE grafts that have been incised by a doctor or doctor controlled robotic device, processing follicular unit grafts, and implanting follicular unit grafts using forceps, blunt implanters or other devices that do not cut the skin are tasks that can be delegated to non-doctors. This is the guidance on page 14 of the CPSA standard for Hair Transplant Surgery http://www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/2/106271141/20180219_cpsa_hair_transplant_surgery_standards_final.pdf

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