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| Ref. No: | 2132  |
| Date:    | 27/10/25  |
| Subject: | Procedure carried out recorded as hymen repair ,<br>hymenoplasty or hymenorrhaphy |

## REQUEST

1. Between 1.1.2012 and 31.12.2022
2. Age group - girls between the age of over 5 and up to 16 years old
3. Procedure carried out recorded as 'hymen repair' or 'hymenoplasty' or 'hymenorrhaphy' SNOMED CT code is 48481009

## RESPONSE

Clinical Coding Guidance:

With effect from April 2022, the following Clinical Coding Standard was introduced:-

### **PCSP4: Repair/reconstruction of hymen and Hymenoplasty**

Codes within OPCS-4 must not be used to classify repair/reconstruction of the hymen (hymenoplasty).

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) have advised that there are no justified medical or clinical reasons why a hymenoplasty should take place and under no circumstance should it be performed on the NHS. Hymenoplasty is a procedure that reconstructs the hymen. The demand for the procedure is cultural and based on harmful misconceptions that surround female virginity.

As a result, and following a request from the DHSC, P15.3 Repair of hymen has been retired from OPCS-4.

For confirmation, the specific OPCS-4 code was used for data extraction and it can be confirmed that there were no patients clinically coded aged over 5 and up to age 16 between 01/01/2012 and 31/12/2022, for a Repair of hymen (P15.3).