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Subject:	Cosmetic Surgeries
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Requested:

- I am writing to find out the number of cosmetic surgery procedures done in 2024 and 2025.
 - breast enlargement (implants) – if you have very uneven breasts or no breasts, and it's causing significant psychological distress
 - nose reshaping (rhinoplasty) – if you have breathing problems
 - ear correction surgery, including ear pinning – if a child needs it, or sometimes, if an adult has prominent ears that are causing significant distress
 - female breast reduction – if you're very distressed about the size of your breasts and they're causing problems like backache
 - male breast reduction – if you've had a condition called gynaecomastia for a long time, other treatments have not worked, and it's causing considerable pain or distress

Response:

- Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of the named procedures undertaken, during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026, as is recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS). The UHB is unable to confirm whether these surgeries were undertaken for cosmetic reasons.

Procedure Type	Number
Nose reshaping (rhinoplasty)	10
Ear correction, including pinning	5
Breast Augmentation	0
Female Breast Reduction	0
Male Breast Reduction	0

Please note: this data is based on diagnosis and procedures undertaken as part of a hospital stay.