COSMETIC SURGERY: THE BILLION £ BUSINESS

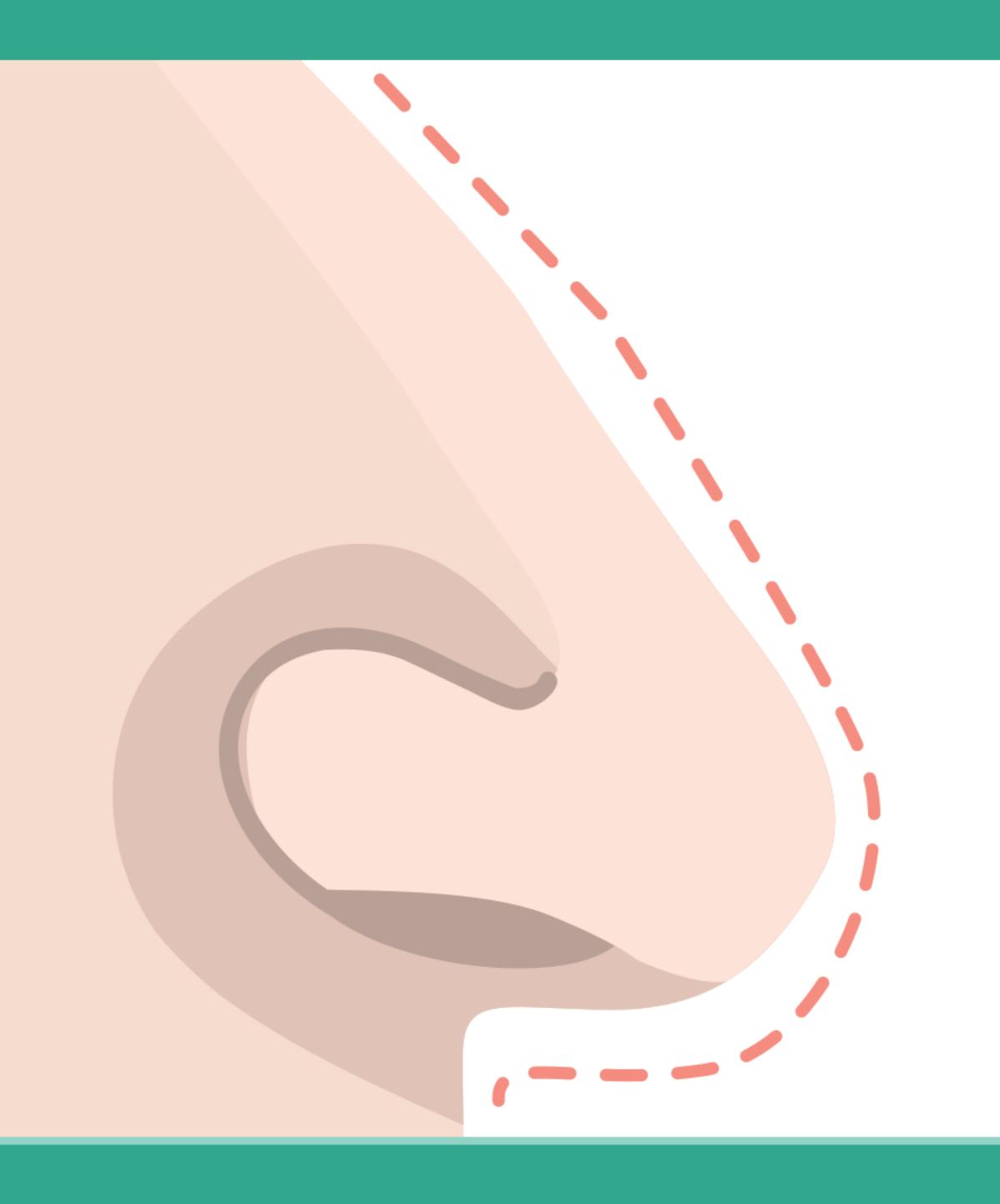
In 2013, the UK cosmetic surgery industry was worth £3.6 billion. Non-surgical treatments, such as Botox and fillers, accounted for nine out of 10 procedures and were worth £2.75 billion - meaning surgical procedures accounted for £850 million.

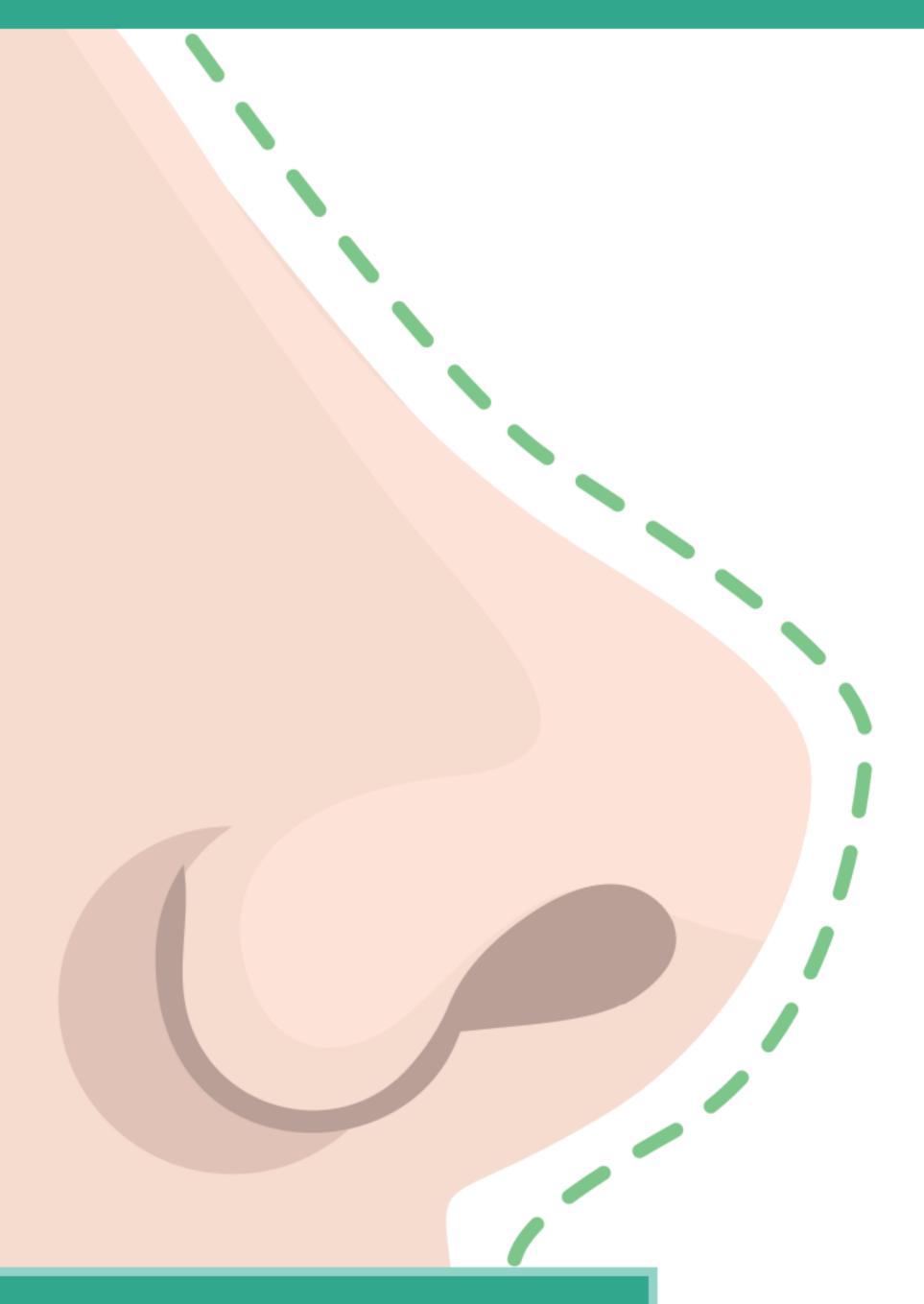
No whole-of-industry statistics have been released since 2013, but we anticipate the value has grown significantly throughout the last five years. We investigated the most popular surgeries of 2017, as supplied by BAAPS, and uncovered the true cost of the cosmetic surgery industry for the patient.

THE MOST POPULAR SURGERIES OF 2017:

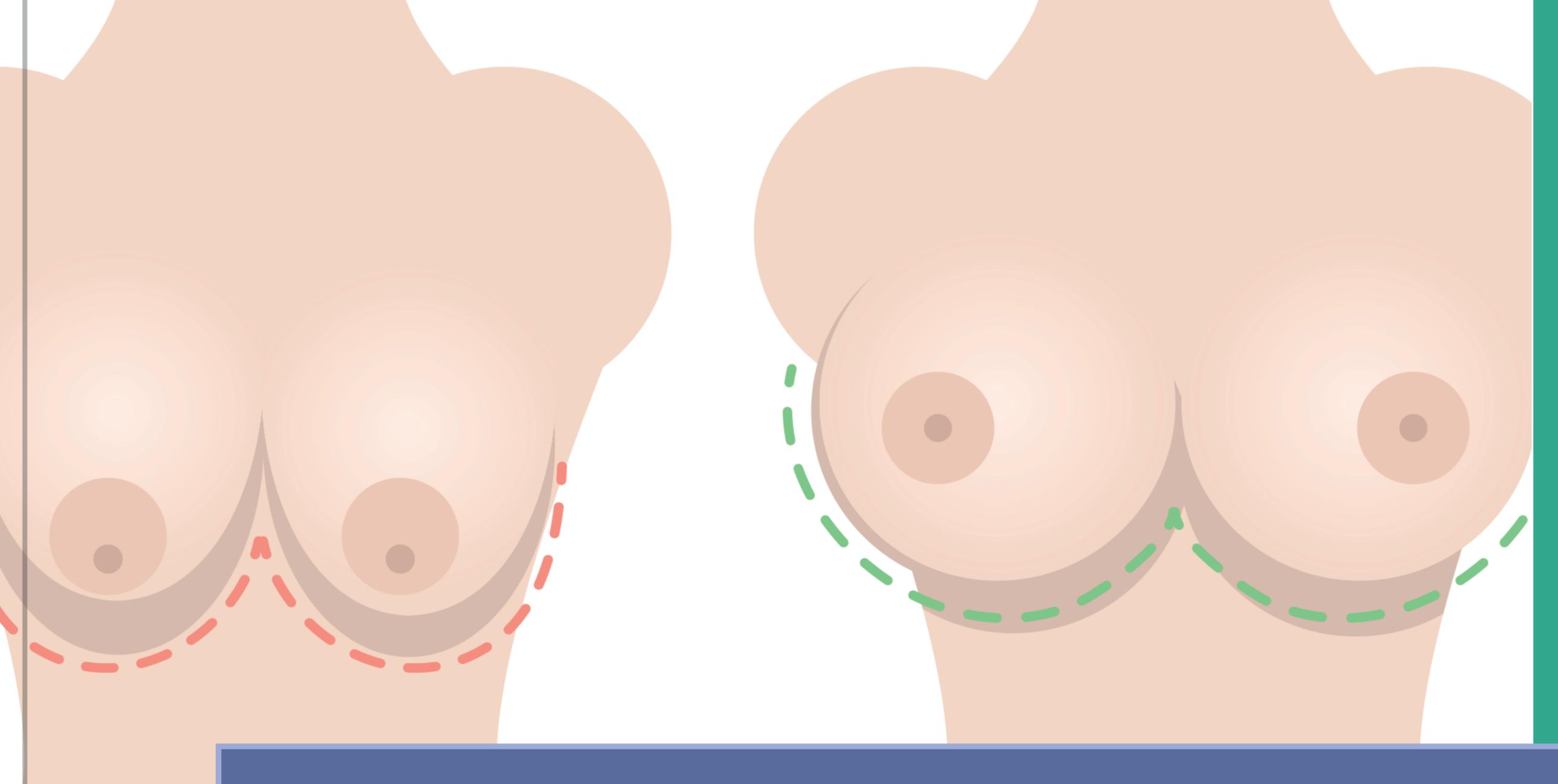
TYPE OF SURGERY	NUMBER OF SURGERIES
BREAST AUGMENTATION	8,251
BREAST REDUCTION	4,043
EYELID SURGERY (BLEPHAROPLASTY)	3,276
TUMMY TUCK (ABDOMINOPLASTY)	2,761
RHINOPLASTY	2,751
LIPOSUCTION	2,309
FACE/NECK LIFT	2,002

FAT TRANSFER





TOTAL NUMBER OF SURGERIES IN 2017: 26,861
THAT'S 74 PER DAY, OR 3 PER HOUR!



IN 2017, PEOPLE SPENT APPROXIMATELY
£134,137,250

ON THE EIGHT MOST POPULAR COSMETIC SURGERIES

1,468

THE AVERAGE COST OF THE MOST POPULAR SURGERIES:

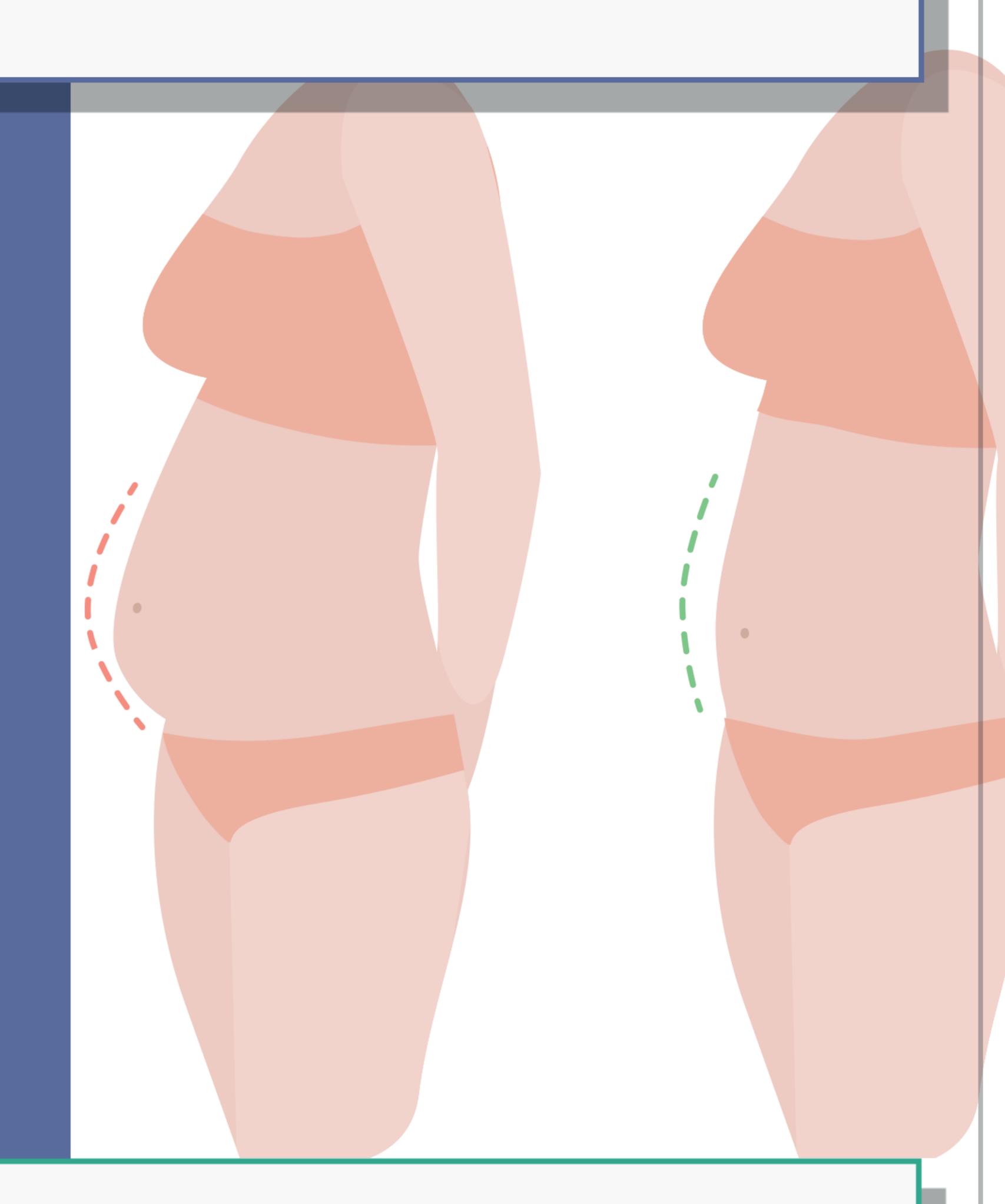
TYPE OF SURGERY	AVERAGE COST
BREAST AUGMENTATION	£5,250.00
BREAST REDUCTION	£4,750.00
EYELID SURGERY	£4,000.00
TUMMY TUCK	£5,250.00
RHINOPLASTY	£5,750.00
LIPOSUCTION	£4,250.00
FACE/NECK LIFT	£6,250.00
FAT TRANSFER	£4,000.00

BUT AT WHAT COST?

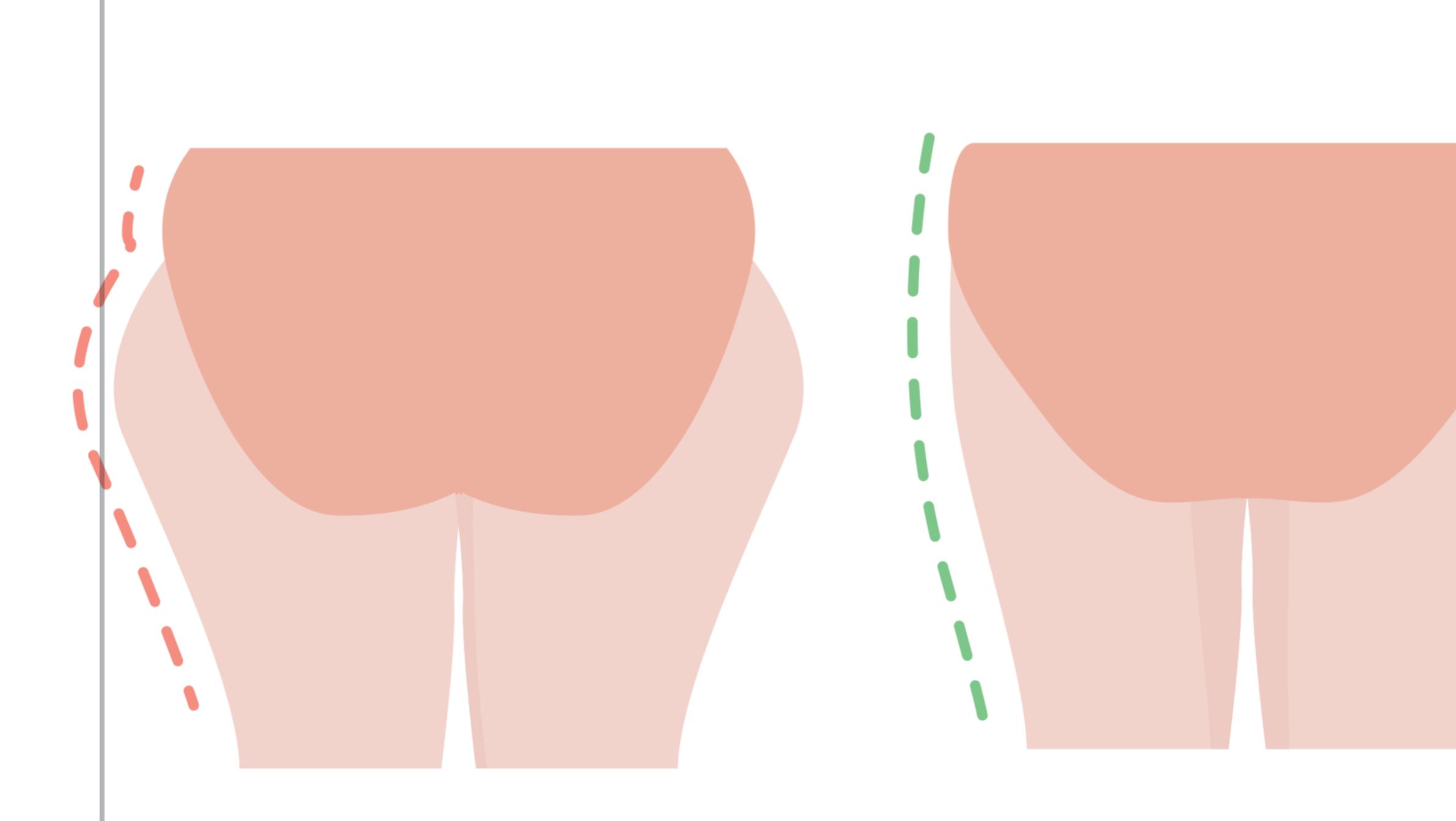
Deciding to undergo any kind of cosmetic surgery is a big financial commitment, however, in addition to initial cost of the operation itself, there are additional 'hidden' costs. These include post-surgery supplies - painkillers, dressings and so on. The most significant of these extra expenses arises from the time required off work in order to recuperate.

The below chart demonstrates the recovery time cost per patient, based on the average 2017 weekly salary of £550 (this figure will be higher for those who earn over £25,000 per year):

TYPE OF SURGERY	AVERAGE NO. OF WEEKS NEEDED TO RECOVER	RECOVERY TIME COST PER PATIENT
BREAST AUGMENTATION	1.5	£825
BREAST REDUCTION	4	£2,200
EYELID SURGERY	1.25	£687.50
TUMMY TUCK	3	£1,650
RHINOPLASTY	1.5	£825
LIPOSUCTION	2.5	£1,375
FACE/NECK LIFT	1.5	£825
FAT TRANSFER	1.75	£962.50



IN TOTAL, THE COST FOR PEOPLE TAKING TIME OFF WORK IN 2017 IN ORDER TO RECOVER FROM A COSMETIC SURGERY PROCEDURE WAS APPROXIMATELY £31,018,625



TYPE OF SURGERY	TOTAL RECOVERY TIME COST FOR ALL PATIENTS IN 2017, PER SURGERY
BREAST AUGMENTATION	£6,807,075
BREAST REDUCTION	£8,894,600
EYELID SURGERY	£2,252,250
TUMMY TUCK	£4,555,650
RHINOPLASTY	£2,269,575
LIPOSUCTION	£3,174,875
FACE/NECK LIFT	£1,651,650
FAT TRANSFER	£1,412,950

Though the number of procedures have <u>fallen</u> in recent years, due to the increasing popularity and availability of <u>non-surgical alternatives</u>, the cosmetic surgery industry remains a booming industry that generates millions for the UK economy every year.

However, the cost to the patient remains high -both financially, physically and <u>emotionally</u>. If you are considering undergoing a cosmetic surgical procedure, it is important to thoroughly research your options in order to ensure you are as fully prepared as possible before committing to a potentially life-altering decision.

For more help and advice on how to choose a safe cosmetic surgeon, read our checklist <u>here</u>.