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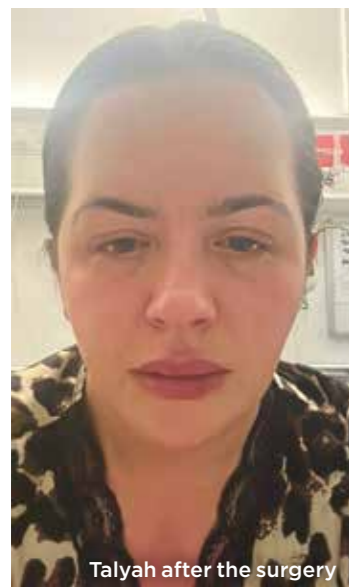
# 'My nipple went missing after my birthday boob job!'

Talyah Reid used a generous gift to pay for surgery in Turkey. Then the nightmare began...

**A**s Talyah Reid tied up the strings on yet another bikini, she looked in the changing room mirror and sighed. The then-29-year-old had lost her sense of body confidence after having her children, twins Darcey and Jason, seven, and Sunny, two. Feeling like her boobs had lost their lift, she'd contemplated a breast augmentation for a while. So, when her family clubbed together to chip in for her surgery, flights and accommodation in Turkey as a birthday treat, she was ecstatic.

**SELF-CONSCIOUS**

But after the surgery, she was left with oozing abscesses and scarring. Now 30, Talyah, who lives in Huyton, Merseyside, is warning others about the risks involved in cosmetic surgery abroad, while she saves for corrective surgery.



Talyah after the surgery

She says, 'I really thought I'd done my research, I looked at so many reviews. Please don't go abroad to save a few quid. It's just not worth it.'

After having her three children, Talyah, who briefly breastfed all of them, didn't like how her body looked. She says, 'I was so self-conscious about my chest. I told all my friends I just needed to give them a lift – but everyone said I was fine.'

Wanting to give herself a boost, she scrolled through Instagram and clicked on the profile of a plastic surgery clinic in Turkey. She'd been following them for a while and had always really approved of the before and after pictures they displayed. She says, 'Their transformation pictures were incredible, and the reviews were glowing. I thought, *Maybe this could be me one day*, as I scrolled through pictures of mums who'd been nipped and tucked.'

**GRAVITY**

Then Talyah's mum, Lynda, had a big surprise. She recalls, 'Mum asked me to pop to hers and when I sat down she told me the entire family had pooled together thousands of pounds for me to get the surgery I so badly wanted. I was incredibly overwhelmed and couldn't get over their kindness.'

The generous birthday gift, combined with her own savings, meant she had the £4,500 needed to book the surgery, flights and accommodation. Talyah reveals, 'I could finally afford to fix my biggest insecurity, just in time for my 30th.'



Her breasts became covered in bruises and abscesses



The left breast swelled and became infected

After she booked her surgery, the gravity of the situation soon set in. She says, 'I started to feel worried about the operation, but Mum reassured me and reminded me that millions of women have had it done. She was so supportive and really helped put my mind at ease.'

Shortly after receiving her early birthday cash, in February 2024, Talyah flew alone to Turkey while her partner stayed home to look after the kids.

Talyah made her way to the hotel and checked in before she was promptly whisked off to the clinic, where she hoped to boost her A-cup chest to a curvy C-cup. 'Before I knew it, I was sitting in a patient's gown, signing paperwork, promising not to sue if anything went wrong,' she says.

Talyah was told the risks of the surgery were minimal and says the thought of something going wrong hardly crossed her mind. 'I just wanted my boobs back to their perky best, the way they'd looked before I had kids,' she says. 'That's all I was thinking about.'

But when she was made

to pay the cash upfront, just minutes before going under anaesthetic, it rang alarm bells. She says, 'As the nurse counted the wad of Euros, it felt so seedy and unprofessional. But it was too late to back out.'

Talyah was taken through to the operation room – and when she woke up a few hours later,

doctors – and Talyah – were delighted with the results. She says, 'When I got up and looked in the mirror, I saw how perky my new chest looked. I finally had my dream boobs.'

Talyah spent the next few days recovering before she flew back to the UK. She says, 'Everything looked fine when



‘MY DREAM BOOBS TURNED INTO A HORROR STORY’

She's now looking to have corrective surgery



At home with Darcey, Sunny and Jason

they took the bandages off in Turkey, but when I got home, I noticed a small lump on my left breast.'

**RECOVERING**

Unsure if it was normal, she messaged the clinic, who confirmed it would go down in a few days. But a month after surgery, her left breast suddenly swelled to double the size. 'Convinced I had an infection, my GP prescribed me a course of antibiotics. But a few weeks later, the same thing happened again,' she recalls.

Talyah's pain was so severe and constant that it affected her everyday life. She says, 'I couldn't lift the kettle or push a pram, it was too painful. My sister had to come and help with the kids.'

One day after a shower, she looked down while drying herself and winced in pain. She says, 'My boobs were covered in huge black and purple bruises where the surgeons had inserted the implants, and there were oozing abscesses. I broke down in tears as my partner ran in. My dream boobs had turned into a horror story.'

A follow-up appointment

showed Talyah's breasts were infected and she was given the news she dreaded – that her implants had to be removed. She says, 'Initially I was upset, but then I became angry. I rang and sent texts to the clinic for an explanation, but I heard nothing back. Their contact with me had grown less frequent as they realised my surgery must've had complications.'

**INFECTED**

Talyah was then kept in hospital until they removed her implants. She says, 'When I came around, I felt a huge sense of relief. Although my perfect pair had gone, so had the pain.'

Five days later, Talyah was discharged. Lucky to be alive, Talyah is now left with severe scarring and a chunk of her left nipple is missing due to the infection. She's urging anyone to do their research before undergoing surgery. She says, 'I read all the reviews and didn't pick the cheapest place. I now want corrective surgery to fix the damage that's been done. Until then, I'm sharing my story to prevent others from facing the same fate.'