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Policy: Reversal of Sterilisation (Male & Female)

Sterilisation is a procedure by which a person is rendered permanently unable to produce children. This is called a vasectomy in men and operative occlusion of the fallopian tubes in women. Reversal of sterilisation is a surgical procedure that involves the reconstruction of the fallopian tubes in women and vas deferens in men.

Reversal of sterilisation, both male and female, is not normally funded.

Sterilisation is provided under the NHS on the understanding that it is an irreversible procedure. Patients are informed and written consent is sought before the operation is carried out. Trust clinical governance systems should continue to embrace good practice guidelines from the Royal Colleges regarding the giving of information and informed consent prior to sterilisation.

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Individual cases will be reviewed as per the ICB policy.

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