

Programme Title: Clinical Policies

Clinical Policies aim to prevent avoidable harm to patients by only offering treatments on the NHS that are evidence-based, clinically safe and effective, as well as cost effective and a good use of resources.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Hertfordshire

Title of policy and version:	Urology - Sterilisation Reversal (Male and Female) Version: v1.0
Commissioning position:	This intervention is NOT NORMALLY FUNDED by the ICB
Scope:	Covers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for surgical reversal of sterilisation in males (vasectomy reversal) and females (reversal of tubal occlusion)
Cohort:	Patients who have previously undergone male or female sterilisation.
Other relevant Clinical Policy	TBC

Treatments routinely funded:	None under this policy.
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Treatments not funded:	Surgical reversal of sterilisation in males or females
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Rationale:	Reversal of sterilisation is considered a low clinical priority intervention. NHS commissioning is focused on interventions that treat disease or restore function; sterilisation is provided on the understanding that it is a permanent and irreversible procedure following informed consent. Reversal procedures are therefore not normally funded.
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IFR Statement Clinical Exceptionality:	Where a patient does not meet the policy criteria or the intervention is not normally funded by the NHS, an application for clinical exceptionality can be considered via the ICB's Individual Funding Request (IFR) Policy and Process.
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Coding list:

Reversal of female sterilisation	OPCS codes: Q29; Q29.1; Q29.2; Q29.8; Q29.9; Q37; Q37.1; Q37.8; Q37.9
Reversal of vasectomy	OPCS codes: N18; N18.1; N18.2; N18.8; N18.9

Policy document record:	Urology - Sterilisation Reversal (Male and Female) Version: v1.0
Ratification date:	1 st April 2026
Record of significant change:	v1.0 – New harmonised policy for Central East ICB, based on predecessor ICB policies (C&P, HWE, BLMK)
Planned review date:	TBC

Document Environmental Impact statement:

Neutral environmental impact. Policy to be shared and stored electronically where possible; if printed, use double-sided printing and minimal copies.