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Sterilisation Reversal

Commissioning decision	Sterilisation reversal is considered a low priority for funding and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Funding approval must be sought from the ICB via the Individual Funding Request process prior to treatment.
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Policy Statement:

Not normally funded.

Rationale:

Sterilisation is provided under the NHS on the understanding that is an irreversible procedure. Patients are informed of this and written consent including this understanding is sought before the operation is carried out. The reversal of vasectomy or female sterilisation is therefore not routinely funded in Gloucestershire.

Plain English Summary:

Male and female sterilisation is provided on the NHS on the understanding that the NHS does not normally fund reversal at a later stage. In Gloucestershire sterilisation reversal is only funded in exceptional circumstances.

If your doctor believes you should be considered for sterilisation reversal your doctor will need to complete an Individual Funding Request application form to request funding from the ICB, and within this application will need to demonstrate why your circumstances are exceptional. The ICB will consider such applications on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether or not the procedure would be funded on the NHS.

For further information please contact GLICB.IFR@nhs.net

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