

Commissioning Policy

Surrogacy

Interventions not normally funded (INNF)

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1.0 Background

Gloucestershire ICB will not normally fund any form of fertility treatment to those in surrogacy arrangements (i.e. the use of a third party to bear a child for another couple or individual), but it may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

2.0 Policy statement

Policy category	Policy details
INNF	<p>The ICB does not support or fund treatments for surrogacy. In addition, support and funding will not be provided for any associated treatments (including fertility treatments) * related to those in surrogacy arrangements.</p> <p>*See the fertility preservation policy for patients who are potentially at risk of infertility through an NHS pathway.</p> <p>The ICB will not therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund that element of treatment which relates specifically to addressing fertility treatments directly associated with surrogacy arrangements. • Fund any payments to the surrogate mother (to cover expenses, legal costs, treatments abroad or transport costs). <p>Funding for other assisted conception services will continue to be funded for couples or individuals in line with our assisted conception policy. The fact that a couple or individual may consider surrogacy at a later stage will not be an issue in determining initial entitlement to access fertility services.</p> <p>The ICB commission's services to provide appropriate support and guidance to women during and after pregnancy and these services will continue to be provided to surrogates.</p>

	<p>Gloucestershire ICB will not commission any form of fertility treatment to those in surrogacy arrangements. This is due to the numerous legal and ethical issues involved.</p> <p>Gloucestershire ICB will not normally fund any form of fertility treatment to those in surrogacy arrangements (i.e. the use of a third party to bear a child for another couple or individual), but it may be considered in exceptional circumstances.</p>
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3.0 Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy.

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 at the ICB's Individual Funding Request Panel upon receipt of a completed application form from the patient's GP, Consultant or Clinician. Applications cannot be considered from patients personally.

4.0 Connected policies

Assisted conception.

Fertility preservation.

5.0 References

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[Surrogacy: legal rights of parents and surrogates: Overview - GOV.UK](#)