## 37. Reversal of Sterilisation in Men and Women Commissioning Statement

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| **Treatment** | Reversal of sterilization in men and women |
| **Background** | Reversal of female sterilisation is a surgical procedure that involves the reconstruction of the fallopian tubes.<br><br>Reversal of male sterilisation is a surgical procedure that involves the reconstruction of the vas deferens |
| **Commissioning position** | NHS Vale of York CCG does not routinely commission the Reversal of sterilisation for men or women<br><br>**Reversal of female sterilisation**<br>Sterilisation procedure is available on NHS and couples seeking sterilisation should be fully advised and counselled (in accordance with RCOG guidelines) that the procedure is intended to be permanent.<br>Policy: Reversal of female sterilisation will not be routinely funded.<br><br>**Reversal of male sterilisation**<br>Sterilisation procedure is available on the NHS and couples seeking sterilisation should be fully advised and counselled (in accordance with RCOG guidelines) that the procedure is intended to be permanent.<br>Policy: Reversal of male sterilisation will not be routinely funded. |
| **Summary of evidence / rationale** | The Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare Clinical Guidance Male and Female Sterilisation Clinical Effectiveness Unit, September 2014[1] provides evidence-based recommendations and good practice points for health professionals on elective male sterilisation (vasectomy) and female sterilisation (tubal occlusion) in the UK. It is intended for any health care professional or service that undertakes or refers individuals for either procedure. This guidance has been jointly developed with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG). On the reversals of both male and female sterilization it states the following:<br>It is important to note that at present female sterilisation reversal and vasectomy reversal is not routinely offered by the NHS.<br>• **Reversal of female sterilisation (pg 45)**<br>Fallopian tube re-anastomosis following sterilisation can result in high postoperative patency rates, but may not result in pregnancy or a return to fertility<br>• **Reversal of male sterilisation (pg 22)**<br>Vasectomy reversal involves complex surgery that can result in high postoperative patency rates, but may not result in pregnancy or a return to fertility |
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