

Policy statement:	Reversal of Sterilisation
Status:	Not Funded

M&SECCGs do not fund reversal of sterilisation in men or women.

Sterilisation procedures are undertaken on the understanding that it is an irreversible procedure. Patients are informed and written consent is sought before the operation is carried out. Provider 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.

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.

This service/procedure has been assessed as a **Low Clinical Priority** by M&SECCGs and will not be funded unless there are **exceptional clinical circumstances**.

Individual funding requests should only be made where the patient demonstrates clinical exceptionality.

Further information on applying for funding in exceptional clinical circumstances can be found on the CCGs' website.