

Policy title	Reversal of sterilisation V2.0
Policy position	Intervention Not Normally Funded
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Sterilisation aims to permanently remove fertility by means of vasectomy (male sterilisation) or tubal occlusion (female sterilisation). Reversal of female sterilisation and reversal of male sterilisation are **not normally funded**.

NOTE:

- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance e.g. from NICE
- 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

Clinical coding:

OPCS codes:

Reversal of female sterilisation

Q29 Open reversal of female sterilisation

Q29.1 Reanastomosis of fallopian tube NEC

Q29.2 Open removal of clip from fallopian tube NEC

Includes: Open removal of ring from fallopian tube NEC

Q29.8 Other specified

Q29.9 Unspecified

Q37 Endoscopic reversal of female sterilisation

Q37.1 Endoscopic removal of clip from fallopian tube

Q37.8 Other specified

Q37.9 Unspecified

Reversal of vasectomy

N18 Repair of spermatic cord

N18.1 Reversal of bilateral vasectomy

N18.2 Suture of vas deferens NEC

N18.8 Other specified

N18.9 Unspecified

Policy update record	
April 2025 BLMK ICB Executive Team	Changes were made to wording for clarity; no change was made to policy position.

Key words: Sterilisation, reversal, tubal occlusion, vasectomy