

<b>Pathway</b>		
Bilateral Vasectomy for Sterilisation.		
<b>Commissioned</b>		
Bilateral vasectomy for sterilisation will be funded providing <b>ALL</b> the following criteria apply: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The man is over 30 years of age.</li> <li>2. Their partner/spouse is not currently pregnant.</li> <li>3. They understand the procedure should be considered irreversible.</li> <li>4. The patient has been advised that reversal of vasectomy would not be funded.</li> <li>5. They are able to have the procedure carried out under local anaesthetic.</li> </ol>		
<b>Not Funded</b>		
Reversal of vasectomy.		
<b>Notes</b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Prior Approval</b>	<b>Comment</b>
All met	Amber	Refer to accredited provider.
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> not met	Red	Provide evidence that the benefits justify the increased likelihood of subsequent regret given the circumstances.
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup>	Not applicable	Both criteria should be true and documented by the clinician to obtain funding.
5 <sup>th</sup> not met	Red	Vasectomy under general anaesthetic will only be funded for patients who are unable to have a local anaesthetic due to a significant adverse drug reaction.
<b>Rationale</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is important to counsel the patient fully and provide written information so that the permanence of the procedure is understood.</li> <li>▪ Vasectomy should be deferred if the doctor has concerns that the patient might subsequently regret their decision due to psychosocial factors prevailing at the time of the consultation.</li> </ul>		
<b>Cohort</b>		
Adult males.		
<b>Equality</b>		
Compliant with the Equality Act 2010.		
<b>Status</b>		
See under notes above.		
<b>OPCS codes</b>		

Bilateral vasectomy	N17.1
<b>Version History</b>	
No material changes from previous policy.	
<b>Authorised</b>	
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<b>Review</b>	
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