



Not normally funded
Reversal of Female Sterilisation

What is reversal of female sterilisation?

Female sterilisation is an operation to permanently prevent pregnancy (also called operative occlusion of the fallopian tubes). The fallopian tubes are blocked or sealed to prevent the eggs from reaching the sperm and becoming fertilised.

Depending on the method used, you would either have a general or local anaesthetic. It is a permanent procedure and is 99% successful. The reversal of female sterilisation is surgery to try and reconstruct the fallopian tubes, but it does not guarantee the return of a woman's fertility.

Not normally funded treatment or procedure:

The reversal of female sterilisation is not routinely commissioned as sterilisation is deemed to be a permanent method of contraception.

This means (for patients who **DO NOT** meet the above criteria) the CCG will only fund the treatment if an Individual Funding Request (IFR) application proves exceptional clinical need and that is supported by the CCG.

Advice and further guidance:



For more information, search for 'can I get a sterilisation reversal on the NHS' at www.nhs.uk

Or visit the following websites:

- NICE (2016) Contraception. Quality Standard. Published: 8 September 2016.
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs129>
- Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists. 2016. Female Sterilisation: Consent Advice No. 3.
<https://www.rcog.org.uk/globalassets/documents/guidelines/consent-advice/consent-advice-3-2016.pdf>